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Behold a type: lo, how, in her own land,
Arise, far seen, the steadfast great-heart hills,—
Whose strength is God's—upon the granite based.
They loom above us with a calm command,
Aloof and stern; yet who their ways have traced
Can tell of secret clefts the sunset fills,
Clear springs, hid lakes of lilies starry-faced,
And, making tenderest hues of heaven their own,
Blue harebells trembling from the very stone.

Oh, let the immanent unslackened power
Of that sincere strong spirit in this hour
Upon us be, as present argument
Of those, the real things, that are not seen!
Now our undying reverence and affection,
And that which, deep in man, makes insurrection
Against the temporal show with clamors keen,
Cry out: "She here abides, she doth endure,
Potent, in whatsoever things are pure,
And whose lives in these, shall feel her near;
But we, who seem to live,—if we be bent
To follow whatsoever things are base,
False, trivial, vain,—we are the shadows here,
Which that true Presence shall with light efface!"

—Helen Gray Cone.