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It only moved as do the Suns - 5
For merit of Return -
Or Birds - confirmed perpetual
By Alternating Zone -

I only have it not Tonight
In it's established place - 10
For technicality of Death -
Omitted in the Lease -

901 The Soul's distinct connection
With immortality
Is best disclosed by Danger
Or quick Calamity -

As Lightning on a Landscape 5
Exhibits Sheets of Place -
Not yet suspected - but for Flash -
And Click - and Suddenness.

902 Too little way the House must lie
From every Human Heart
That holds in undisputed Lease
A white inhabitant -

Too narrow is the Right between - 5
Too imminent the chance -
Each Consciousness must emigrate
And lose it's neighbor once -

903 A Doubt if it be Us
Assists the staggering Mind
In an extremer Anguish
Until it footing find -

An Unreality is lent, 5
A merciful Mirage
That makes the living possible
While it suspends the lives.

904 Absence disembodies - so does Death
Hiding individuals from the Earth
Superstition helps, as well as love -
Tenderness decreases as we prove -

905 Split the Lark - and you'll find the Music -
Bulb after Bulb, in Silver rolled -
Scantly dealt to the Summer Morning
Saved for your Ear, when Lutes be old -

Loose the Flood - you shall find it patent - 5
Gush after Gush, reserved for you -
Scarlet Experiment! Sceptic Thomas!
Now, do you doubt that your Bird was true?

906 That Distance was between Us
That is not of Mile or Main -
The Will it is that situates -
Equator - never can -

907 That is solemn we have ended
Be it but a Play
Or a Glee among the Garret
Or a Holiday
Or a leaving Home, or later, 5
Parting with a World
We have understood for better
Still to be explained -

908 They ask but our Delight -
The Darlings of the Soil
And grant us all their Countenance
For a penurious smile -