

Alexander Search

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Tell me, tell me who dreams most —
He who sees the world aright
Or the man in dreaming lost?

What is true? What is't that seems —
The lie that's in reality
Or the lie that is in dreams?

Who is unto truth less near —
He who sees all truth a shadow
Or he who sees dreams all clear?

He who is a good guest, or he?
Who feels alien at the feast?

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