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To its own father that child fair doth seem  
Which unbribed eyes may but indifferent deem;  
    Therefore this book, my child's first son too dear,  
    Do thou inspect with careful search austere.  
    If good, I better promise to indict;  
    If bad, I will not think thou sayest right.  
    'Tis not my pride, but human nature, friend,  
    Owning no wrong doth covertly amend.

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**Poesia Inglesa.** Fernando Pessoa. (Organização e tradução de Luísa Freire. Prefácio de Teresa Rita Lopes.) Lisboa: Livros Horizonte, 1995: 32.