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The boy and the girl did kiss
And the world looked on with joy
At that pure touch of early bliss,
Chaste in its childly stainlessness
 Given by the girl to the boy.
'T was the first kiss of youth, and used
The world is to those words abused —
«Purity», «love», «free from stain.»
Strange doctor who hath e'er confused
The medulla and the brain!

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