

“You Whoever You Are”

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You -- whoever you are!
You daughter or son of England!
You of the mighty Slavic tribes!
You dim-descended, black, divine-soul'd African!
You Norwegian! Swede! Dane! Icelander!
You Roman! Neapolitan! You Greek!
You Chinaman of China!
You foot-worn pilgrim welcoming the far-away sparkle of the minarets of
Mecca!
All you continentals of Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia, indifferent of place!
All you on the numberless islands of the archipelagoes of the sea!
All you of centuries hence when you listen to me!
All you each and everywhere whom I specify not, but include just the same!
Health to you! Good will to you all, from me and America sent!
Each of us is inevitable,
Each of us is limitless –
Each of us with his or her right upon the earth,
Each of us allow'd the eternal purports of the earth,
Each of us here as divinely as any is here.