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Youth, eager-eyed, desires to guide
The wavering minds of men,
With lofty themes and burning dreams
He feeds his hungry pen,
And yet, the heedless world remains
Unmoved by all his fervid strains.

Age, tired of quest and nearing rest,
Writes, for his soul's relief,
A tale of years—of hopes and fears,—
Of laughter and of grief:
He claims no mission for his pen,
And yet he stirs the hearts of men.

Thus do we win, from hours of stress,
A kinship with world loneliness.

—Lucy Gertrude Clarkin