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'build therefore your own world'  
-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

**I.**

to lay

one-self down  
n beside the water -- in th  
e thick, warm  
grasses; residing there am  
ongst the ple  
asant -- oh, the quietude o  
f this! how m  
asterful: its shore-line, w  
ith these tre  
es up-grazing the sky; a tr  
ue, and beaut.

**II.**

oh, bl

ue sky; oh, g  
reat-big, blue sky; oh, wan  
derer through  
the field of yellow days -  
- each flower  
is a day... each pebble is  
a year! and  
ocean: an eternity! and eac  
h is each, al  
so -- yes, each -- like the  
dew of morni.

**III.**

how el

loquent: the s  
tars tonight -- oh, the exp  
ression of th  
em-selves; and, how open is  
the sky in-w  
hich they sit, beside the w  
ide, and glea  
ming moon; so simple -- so  
complex! and  
how the light rests, upon t  
he head, whit.

**IV.**

not wi

thout: the mo  
untain; not without: the fo  
rest -- and n  
ot without: the ocean, the  
desert, nor t  
he sky; not without: the fe  
ather, and th  
e foot-print in the mud --  
so, not witho  
ut: the sand, the leaf, the  
stone, nor m.