

The dry land

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back to them, as set as they were; and when he has wained
 himself with endless imaginings, & left no space without some looking
 of its own - let him imagine all this mighty plain, with its
 infinite possessions of natural beauty and happy human life, ^{gathered} taken
 up ^{in God's hands} like a garment, and shaken into ^{gathered} from one
 edge of the horizon to the other, like a woven garment; a
 - gathered ^{gathered} and shaken into deep falling folds as the
 robes drop from a King's shoulders - and all its ^{high} rivers ^{scattered}
 leaping ^{from the heights into detours along} the hollows of its fall - and all its ~~best~~
 forests ^{of rain} ~~forming~~ ^{forming} themselves against its slopes, ^{as a rider}
^{as a rider} ~~rears himself back against the saddle when his horse plunges~~
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~~his horse plunges~~; and all its villages settling themselves into
 the ^{new} windings of its ~~best~~ ^{with dew} glens; and all its pastures of them
 into ^{deep} waves of green sward, dashed ^{with dew} along the edges of their folds
 sweeping down into endless slopes, with a cloud here and there lying
 quietly, fold on the gap - half in the air; - and you have as
 all this lifted world,
 yet ^{all} the foundation of one of the great cliffs. Above all
 things, what whatever is lovely in the lowland scenery becomes lovelier
 in this change - the trees which grew heavily & stiffly from the
 level line of plain assume strange curves of strength and grace as
~~as a looker on the other~~ - they bend themselves back ~~to~~
 against the mountain side; and breathe more freely and toss their
 branches more carelessly as each climbs higher; ^{looking} to the
 clear light above the topmost leaves of the ^{fallen} its brother tree -
 - the flowers which on the arable plain ^{fallen} before the
 plough, now find out for themselves unapproachable ^{places} recesses when
 year by year they gather into happy fellowship - & fear no evil;
 - the streams which in the level land ^{with in dark valleys by} ~~meander~~
^{meander} ~~meander~~ banks, now move in showers of silver, ^{and} ^{do} clothed with
 rainbows - and bring health & life wherever they glance of their
 waves can reach: