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SONNET

[THIS Sonnet by Robert Browning addressed to the memory of his parents—from a MS. in the handwriting of Miss Browning—was among the papers disposed of at the Browning Sale in May 1913.—EDITOR.]

WORDS I might else have been compelled  
to say  
In silence to my heart,—great love, great  
praise  
Of thee, my Father—have been freely said  
By those whom none shall blame; and  
while thy life  
Endures, a beautiful thing, in their record  
I may desist; but thou art not alone:

They lay beside thee whom thou lovest  
most;  
Soft sanctuary-tapers of thy house,  
Close-curtained when the Priest came forth,  
—on these  
Let peace be, peace on thee, my Mother  
too!  
The child that never knew you, and the  
Girl  
In whom your gentle souls seemed born  
again  
To bless us longer. Peace like yours be  
mine  
Till the same quiet home receives us all.

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