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GIFT OF HARUN AL-RASHID

She seemed the learned man and I the child;
Truths without father came, truths that no book
Of all the uncounted books that I have read,
Nor thought out of her mind or mine begot,
Self-born, high-born, and solitary truths,
Those terrible implacable straight lines
Drawn through the wandering vegetative dream,
Even those truths that when my bones are dust
Must drive the Arabian host.

The voice grew still, And she lay down upon her bed and slept, But woke at the first gleam of day, rose up And swept the house and sang about her work In childish ignorance of all that passed.

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