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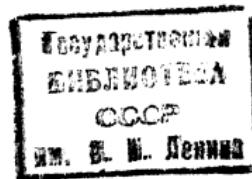


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*Dear ! Is the distance vast ? I cross it here.
The chasm fathomless ? I span it thus.
The silence dread ? I break it. What is fear ?
When only our own hearts can sever us.*

*The gold and frankincense I should have given,
Envy the myrrh I lay within your hand ;
Dearer to me than fame of earth or heaven
It is, to know that you will understand.*