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# Dreamer

By C. S. YOUD

HIS dark eyes hung upon eternal space;  
His brow was chapleted with mighty stars;  
The silver moon sprcad round him like a lace  
Her tender loveliness which no shade mars.  
He took the road, a sturdy staff he wrought;  
He left for realms and mysteries undared;  
His solitary kingdom was a thought  
And his great staff was but a slender word.

Dreamer of dreams! Your path will ever be  
As bright and gilded as the tales you love,  
Through valleys whence the dreary shadows flee,  
Those valleys which your own sweet longing wove;  
And when your earth-bound wanderings are through,  
The Master Poet shall make a home for you.