

EMOTION AND CONSCIENCE

Emotion or conscience?

The unseen conflict flowed.

Parried Emotion—Who is greater?

And Conscience retorts—I,

For without Conscience can emotions be born?

Emotion cries aloud - leave aside such talk.

At your doorstep

If I do not light the lamp

Then you shall remain unseen.

Conscience proclaims—That far is true. Yet, you Emotion

When you slumber at night engulfed in a veil of dreams

Then who comes to your threshold and chimes in the

likeness of the cuckoo?

It is I, it is I, Emotion.

At times the mother's sweet call.

Sometimes in the urgent reminder.

Or, in the baby's lisp.

And like the light of dawn

Into the emotions of the heart.

In the supine music

I arouse, only arouse.

Conscience says, Emotion replies,

Are we not related?

Travellers of the same path,

Let us forge an understanding.

Emotion says—So be it—but remember,

I am your sentinel

Conscience replies—Emotion is right.