

The Kentucky Thoroughbred

I LOVE the hoss from hoof to head,
From head to hoof and tail to mane;
I love the hoss, as I have said,
From head to hoof and back again.

I love my God the first of all,
Then Him that perished on the Cross;
And next my wife, and then I fall
Down on my knees and love the hoss.

James Whitcomb Riley



A Word of Encouragement

O WHAT a tangled web we weave
When first we practise to deceive!
But when we've practised quite a while
How vastly we improve our style!

J. R. Pope

On Lavater's Song of a Christian to Christ

"Thou art! Thou art!!" Lavater says. "Thou art!!
Thou art!!! Thou art!!!! Thou art, Christ our Lord!!!!!"
He would not be so violent in his repetition
if it were not a questionable proposition.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
Translated from the German by
Walter Kaufmann



Ameinias

OF Ameinias nothing more is known for sure
Except: he was most worthy, though quite poor.
Which may explain why he remains obscure.

John Simon



On Treason

TREASON doth never prosper: what's the reason?
Why, when it prospers, none dare call it treason.

Sir John Harington