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The Volume of Eleanor Everest Freer's forty-four Sonnets from the Portuguese (a song circle for medium voice) is a colossal work. So far as my knowledge reaches, I know of nothing that could with justice be placed beside it. It is marvelous enough that such sentiments should be poetically expressed forty-four times by one person, and more so that another could place these wonderful sonnetsina musical setting, and of the highest order.

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DAVID BISPHAM

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