

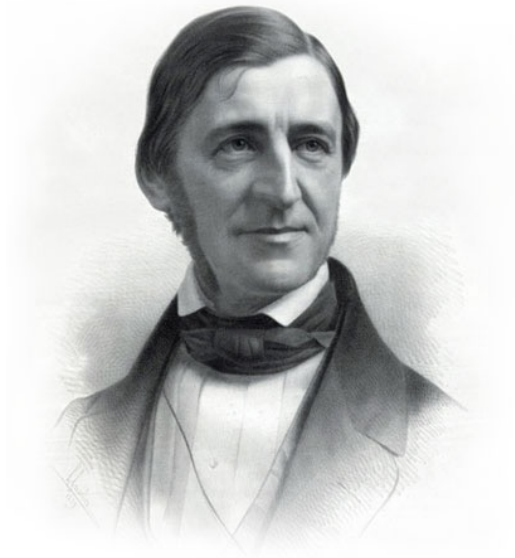


Ralph Waldo Emerson
(1803-1882)

Sursum Corda

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Thomas Y. Crowell & Company: 1899. Introduction by Nathan Haskell Dole.

Seek not the Spirit, if it hide,
Inexorable to thy zeal:
Baby, do not whine and chide;
Art thou not also real?
Why should'st thou stoop to poor excuse?
Turn on the Accuser roundly; say,
"Here am I, here will I remain
Forever to myself soothfast,
Go thou, sweet Heaven, or, at thy pleasure
stay."—
Already Heaven with thee its lot has cast,
For it only can absolutely deal.



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