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POETRY: *A Magazine of Verse*

PHILOSOPHIC DIALOGUE

- First Figure.* Mountains are simple—
In the thumb-nail mind
Of man illusion doubles to
Illusion, in semblance of
Complexity to hide
Confusion.
- Second Figure.* None but knows
Within six days
He made the world,
And on the seventh
Sought repose.

The Evil, dying,
Descend to Hell;
The Good come
Into the Kingdom.
- First Figure.* Infinite Logic
Is too fine a
Web for the myopic eye
Of a fly.
- Second Figure.* None but knows
Within six days . . .
- First Figure.* Cause follows cause without
End. The hounds tear
In a circle after a
No-hare.

- Second Figure.* The Good come
Into the Kingdom.
- First Figure.* For this is truth: the tail is
Coiled back relevantly to the
Teeth.
- Second Figure.* The Righteous have for goal
Beauty of the soul.
There is but
This single beauty:
In fear of God each
Does his duty.
- First Figure.* Out of the logic of
Compensation in a circle
Autonomic, so much beauty to
Spare: a sea-girl's
Breasts; her purple hair.
- Second Figure.* . . . Righteous . . . goal
Beauty . . . soul;
. . . fear . . . God . . .
. . . duty.

WORKER IN MARBLE

*So I begin—
More bitter chiselled words.
Not one soft word
To ease my heart.*