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Publication – is the Auction|
Of the Mind of Man –
Poverty – be justifying
For so foul a thing

Possibly – but We – would rather
From Our Garret go
White – unto the White Creator –
Than invest – Our Snow –

Thought belong to Him who gave it –
Then – to Him Who bear
Its Corporeal illustration – sell
The Royal Air –

In the Parcel – Be the Merchant
Of the Heavenly Grace –
But reduce no Human Spirit
To Disgrace of Price --

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SHEET SIX c. early 1864

Color – Caste – Denomination –³³⁸

These – are Time's Affair –

Death's diviner Classifying

Does not know they are –

As in sleep – all Hue forgotten –

Tenets – put behind –

Death's large – Democratic fingers

Rub away the Brand –

If Circassian – He is careless –

If He put away

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Peace is a fiction of our Faith –²⁷

The Bells a Winter Night

Bearing the Neighbor out of Sound

That never did alight.