

Kahil gibran self knowledge

AND a man said, Speak to us of Self-Knowledge.

And he answered, saying:

*Your hearts know in silence the secrets
of the days and the nights.*

*But your ears thirst for the sound of
your heart's knowledge.*

*You would know in words that which
you have always know in thought.*

*You would touch with your fingers the
naked body of your dreams.*

And it is well you should.

*The hidden well-spring of your soul must
needs rise and run murmuring to the sea;*

*And the treasure of your infinite depths
would be revealed to your eyes.*

*But let there be no scales to weigh your
unknown treasure;*

*And seek not the depths of your knowl-
edge with staff or sounding line.*

*For self is a sea boundless and measure-
less.*

*Say not, "I have found the truth," but
rather, "I have found a truth."*

*Say not, "I have found the path of the soul."
Say rather, "I have met the soul walking
upon my path."*

For the soul walks upon all paths.

The soul walks not upon a line, neither

does it grow like a reed.

*The soul unfolds itself, like a lotus of
countless petals.*