

## *The World Around Me*

*All of this I leave behind, all of this I leave for you  
Mayhap but figment of my mind, worth not a penny nor a sou*

*But yet it lives as part of me, full-circled by the fences  
Of the breadth and height and width of all my human senses*

*Lay your eyes on yonder tree, or the rainbow just above it  
Do you see it, or is it just me? So, now ... how to prove it?*

*Close your eyes for just a moment, stop your senses for a minute  
Are that rainbow and that tree outside your mind, or in it?*

*Better, stronger, minds than mine have wrestled with this question  
Yet no one seems to know for sure if it's fact or just suggestion.*

*We've all heard, and laughed, at the age old story:  
"If there's no ear to hear a sound ..." Well, you know the allegory.*

*Is there really, hard and fast, a universe all 'round us?  
Or is it all just in our minds, serving to confound us?*