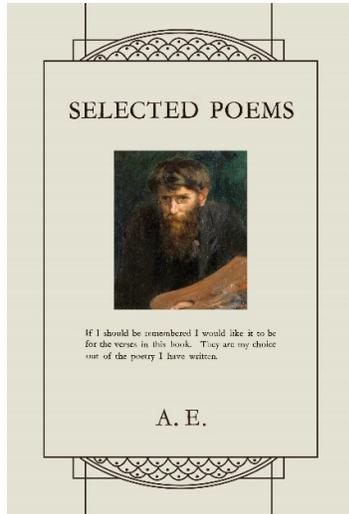


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*“Yet, bathed in gloom too long, we might
Forget how we imagined light.”*

– The Twilight of Earth



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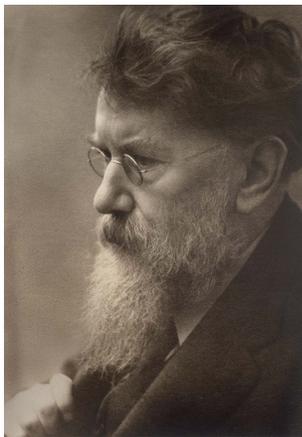
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