



*Rudolph Valentino* Born May 6, 1895—Died August 23, 1926

Like thee I once have stemm'd the sea of life,  
Like thee have languish'd after empty joys,  
Like thee have labour'd in the stormy strife,  
Been grieved for trifles, and amused with toys.

Forget my frailties: thou art also frail;  
Forgive my lapses: for thyself may'st fall;  
Nor read unmoved my artless tender tale—  
I was a friend, O man, to thee, to all.

—James Beattie