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BROTHE...
None reads a poem today and that
Lends more perfection to mine,
Not being written to be read.
True art is but the man! So me!
But - at times I long for the abby,
Solid sandstone walls an hundred years
So placed. And brother monks chanting
Gregory’s squares alike. Strong coffee
And good bread would shorten this
Lengthening cord around my waist.
I could return, but, tomorrow perhaps.
First my work is here. Lost sheep you know.
Lost sheep. I feed them better worlds,
Music to fill the ears and colors
To dazzle the eyes! Yet, I must confess,
They are poor creatures, untitled, not
Even good company! Lonliness!
The world’s cross. But so was He.
Must we go? No, I’ll not resist.
Tell me though, will I be solitary
In my cell? I’d rather. I’d rather.