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for Hideo and Tsuruko Kubota, I.M.

*A spreading oak, that near a linden grows...*

*Hone `ana i ka mana`*

*E Coral Road: Poems naue ku`u kino*

—Queen Kapi`olani, “Ipo Lei Manu”

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*Kane wa kachiken*

*Wash'ya horehore yo*

*Ase to namida no*

*Tomo kasegi*

—Anon., “Hole Hole Bushi,”

Japanese cane worker's song, 19th century  
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This, alas,

Was but a dream: the times Coral Road: Poems had scattered all

These lighter graces, and the rural ways

And manners which it was my chance to see

In childhood were severe and unadorned,

The unluxuriant produce of a life

Intent on little but substantial needs,

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Yet beautiful—and beauty that was felt.

—William Wordsworth, *The Prelude*, 1805

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