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1816  
ON FIRST LOOKING INTO CHAPMAN'S HOMER  
by John Keats

Much have I travell'd in the realms of gold,  
And many goodly states and kingdoms seen;  
Round many western islands have I been  
Which bards in fealty to Apollo hold.  
Oft of one wide expanse had I been told  
That deep-brow'd Homer ruled as his demesne;  
Yet did I never breathe its pure serene  
Till I heard Chapman speak out loud and bold:  
Then felt I like some watcher of the skies  
When a new planet swims into his ken;  
Or like stout Cortez when with eagle eyes

He star'd at the Pacific- and all his men  
Look'd at each other with a wild surmise-  
Silent, upon a peak in Darien.

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