

Born half way between the mountains and the sea.
 That young George of Castelfranco. of the Bear Castle.
 - ~~But~~ ^{Here} George, they called him - George of George.
 & so ^{goodly} ~~fair~~ a boy he was - Giorgio.
 How you thought what a world it was - which
 his eyes opened on - ~~finest~~ ^{searching} ~~beauty~~ ^{fearless}
 eyes of youth - ~~there is the fifteenth century~~
 what a world of mighty life - From those
 mountain roots to the shore of love's life -
 when he went down - yet so young into the
~~heart of a~~ ^{death} city of marble: and became himself
 as ^{a friend} ~~the heart~~: lighting such
 - A city of ^{golden} ~~of~~ marble did I say: Nay rather
 a city of ~~gold~~ ^{in which} paved with emerald: Every
 pinnacle and turret ~~glowed~~ ^{glowed} with ~~glazed~~ ^{glazed}, or glazed
 overlaid with gold - or bowed with ^{jasper} ~~purple~~:
~~deep & far~~ ^{Beneath} the unsullied sea drew in deep
 breathing to and fro its green eddies of ^{green} ~~wave~~.
 Deep ^{beated} ~~beated~~ majestic - terrible as the sea:
 the men of Venice moved ^{in swarms} ~~through~~ of power ^{to war} ~~in council~~
 Pure ~~white~~ ^{strong} ~~and~~ ^{patience} as her pillars of alabaster - ~~down~~ ^{in of them}
 stood ~~her~~ ^{stood} her mothers and maidens. ~~nothing less~~ ^{nothing less} ~~was~~ ^{was}
~~was ignoble~~ ^{was ignoble} ~~nothing~~ ^{nothing} ~~unlovely~~ ^{unlovely}: From foot to brow
 all beautiful, ~~strong~~ ^{strong} as the sea birds, which ~~from~~ ^{from}
~~the low~~ ^{the low} ~~housed~~ ^{housed} gleaming of sea-vested armour that angel
 walked her knights: - ~~their~~ ^{their} ~~black~~ ^{black} ~~armor~~ ^{armor} ~~abundant~~ ^{abundant} with
~~gold~~ ^{gleaming} ~~half~~ ^{half} ~~hidden~~ ^{hidden} under their ~~mantle~~ ^{mantle} ~~fold~~ ^{fold}. - ~~First~~ ^{First}
~~patient~~ ^{patient} - ~~impenetrable~~ ^{impenetrable} ~~unplacable~~ ^{unplacable}. every
 word a fate - save her ~~death~~ ^{death}: In hope, I know,
~~deep~~ ^{deep} ~~he~~ ^{he} pulled by ~~beating~~ ^{flouring} of wave around
 the isles of sacred sand, each with his name.
~~signed~~ ^{signed}