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Time's golden thigh
Upholds the flowery body of the earth
In sacred harmony, and every birth
Of men and actions makes legitimate:
Being us'd aright, the use of time is fate.

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