So beauty on the waters stood

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When he parted air from fire,

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flood! spire!

And then a motion— he them

taught, That elder than himself was

thought; Which thought was, yet, the child of
earth, For Love is elder than his birth.
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When Love had sever'd earth from flood!

And then a motion he taught,

That elder than himself was thought;

Which thought was, yet, the child of earth,

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