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Gitanjali

I Know Thee as My God

Rabindranath Tagore

*I KNOW THEE as my God and stand apart-I do not know thee as my own
and come closer.*

*I know thee as my father and bow before thy feet-I do not grasp thy hand as
my friend's.*

*I stand not where thou comest down and ownest thyself as mine, there to
clasp thee to my heart and take thee as my comrade.*

*Thou art the Brother amongst my brothers, but I heed them not, I divide not
my earnings with them, thus sharing my all with thee.*

*In pleasure and in pain I stand not by the side of men, and thus stand by
thee.*

MAXIMS

Maxim 1: Virtues are accompanied seldomly by the feeling of that virtue.

Maxim 2: Intimacy is really only intimacy when fruitfulness is intended.

