

The background is a solid teal color. Overlaid on this background is a faint, semi-transparent image of a quill pen, oriented diagonally from the top-left towards the bottom-right. In the background, there is also faint, semi-transparent Latin text in a script font, which appears to be from a historical document or manuscript. The text is mostly illegible due to the low opacity but includes words like 'ecce', 'atelli', 's ei vi', 'ecibus', 'ma, lan', 'possit, ea', 'vel maxi-', 'Quis autē', 'ciens, tuos', 'animans. Ve', and 'o. q. n. i. t. u. o.'. The main text 'MVB Verdigris' is centered in the upper half of the image.

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GARALDE: THE WORD ITSELF SOUNDS ANTIQUE AND ARCANE to anyone who isn't fresh out of design school, but the sort of typeface it describes is actually quite familiar to all of us. Despite its age—born fairly early in printing's history—the style has fared well; Garaldes are still the typefaces of choice for books and other long reading. And so we continue to see text set in old favorites—Garamond, Sabon®, and their Venetian predecessor, Bembo®. Yet many new books don't feel as handsome and readable as older books printed in the original, metal type. The problem is that digital type revivals are typically facsimiles of their metal predecessors, merely duplicating the letterforms rather than capturing the impression—both physical and emotional—that the typefaces once left on the page.

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friends, though best and purest, can give him; for the figures, the motions, the words of the beloved object are not like other images written in water, but, as Plutarch said, “enamelled in fire,” and make the study of midnight.

*“Thou art not gone; being gone, where’er thou art,  
Thou leav’st in him thy watchful eyes, in him thy loving heart.”*

In the noon and the afternoon of life we still throb at the recollection of days when happiness was not happy enough, but must be drugged with the relish of pain and fear; for he touched the secret of the matter who said of love—

*“All other pleasures are not worth its pains;”*

and when the day was not long enough, but the night too must be consumed in keen recollections; when the head boiled all night on the pillow with the generous deed it resolved on; when the moonlight was a pleasing fever and the stars were letters and the flowers ciphers and the air was coined into song; when all business seemed an impertinence, and all the men and women running to and fro in the streets, mere pictures.

The passion rebuilds the world for the youth. It makes all things alive and significant. Nature grows conscious. Every bird on the boughs of the tree sings now to his heart and soul. The notes are almost articulate. The clouds have faces as he looks on them. The trees of the forest, the waving grass and the peeping flowers have grown intelligent; and he almost fears to trust them with the secret which they seem to invite. Yet nature soothes and sympathizes. In the green solitude he finds a dearer home than with men.

*“Fountain-heads and pathless groves,  
Places which pale passion loves,  
Moonlight walks, when all the fowls  
Are safely housed, save bats and owls,  
A midnight bell, a passing groan,—  
These are the sounds we feed upon.”*

Behold there in the wood the fine madman! He is a palace of sweet sounds and sights; he dilates; he is twice a man; he walks with arms akimbo; he soliloquizes; he accosts the grass and the trees; he feels the blood of the violet, the

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