

**The Question**  
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Were the whole world good as you – not an atom better –  
Were it just as pure and true,  
Just as strong in faith and works;  
Just as free from crafty quirks;  
All extortion, all deceit;  
Schemes its neighbors to defeat;  
Schemes its neighbors to defraud;  
Schemes some culprit to applaud –  
Would this world be better?

If the whole world followed you – followed to the letter-  
Would it be a nobler world,  
All deceit and falsehood hurled  
From it altogether;  
Malice, selfishness, and lust,  
Banished from beneath the crust,  
Covering human hearts from view-  
Tell me, if it followed you,  
Would the world be better?