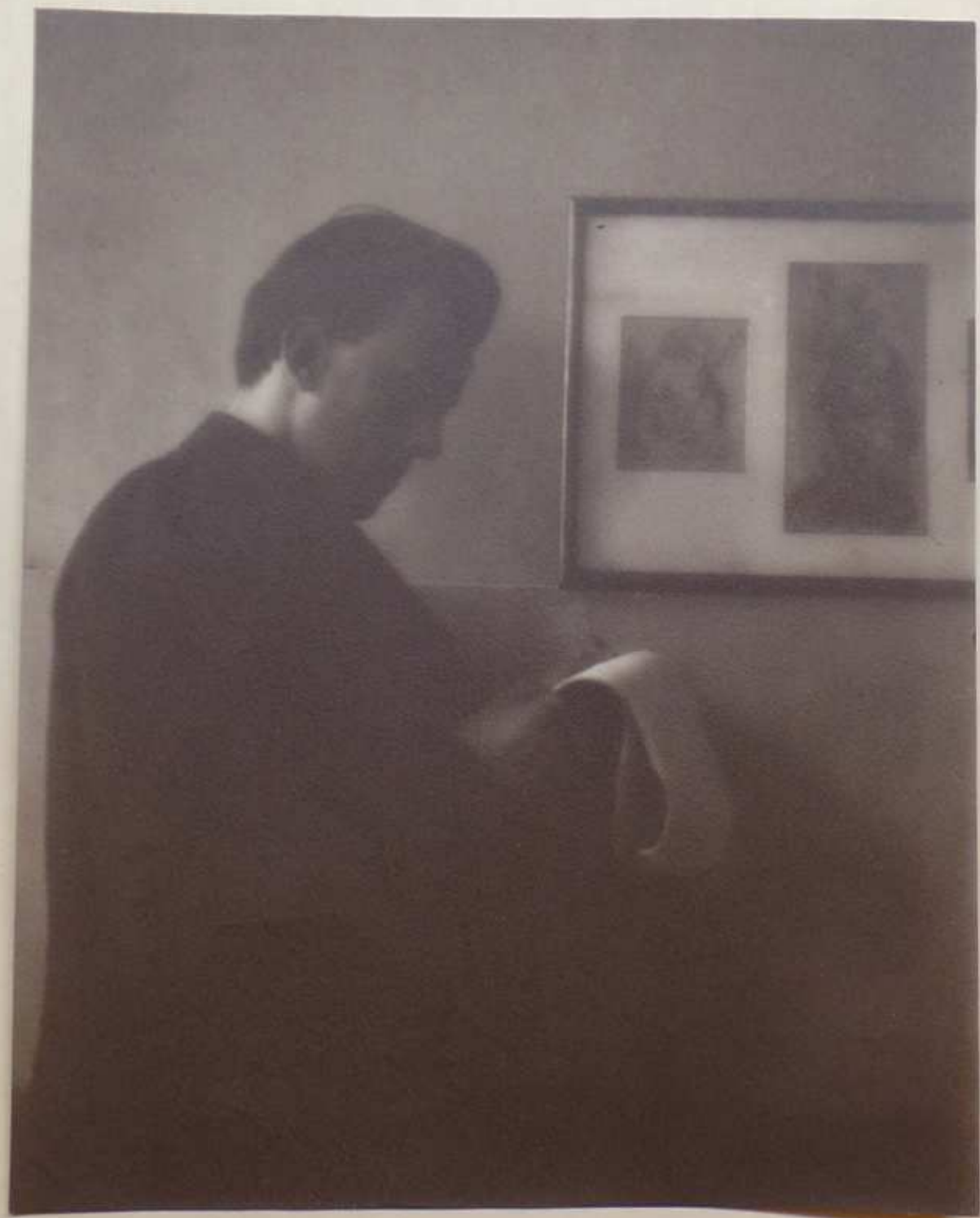


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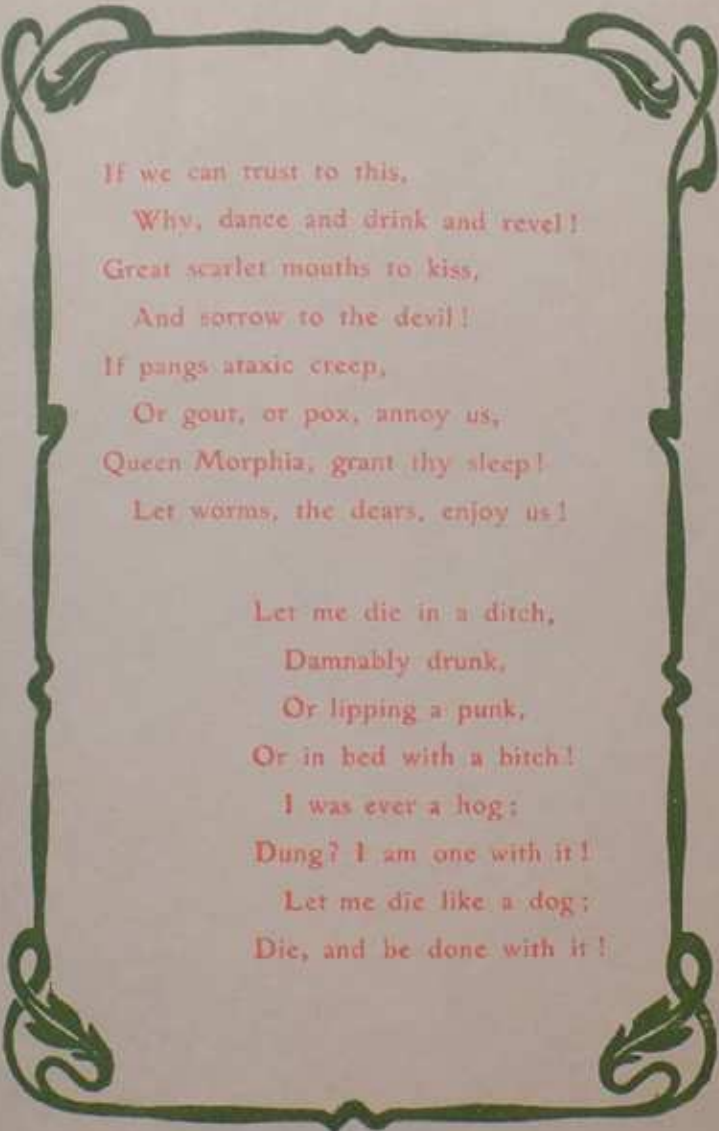
A merry tune I borrow
To light upon the lyre:
If death destroy me quite,
Then, I can not lament it;
I've lived, kept life alight,
And—damned if I repent it!

Let me die in a ditch,
Damnably drunk,
Or lipping a punk,
Or in bed with a bitch!
I was ever a hog;
Dung? I am one with it!
Let me die like a dog;
Die, and be done with it!



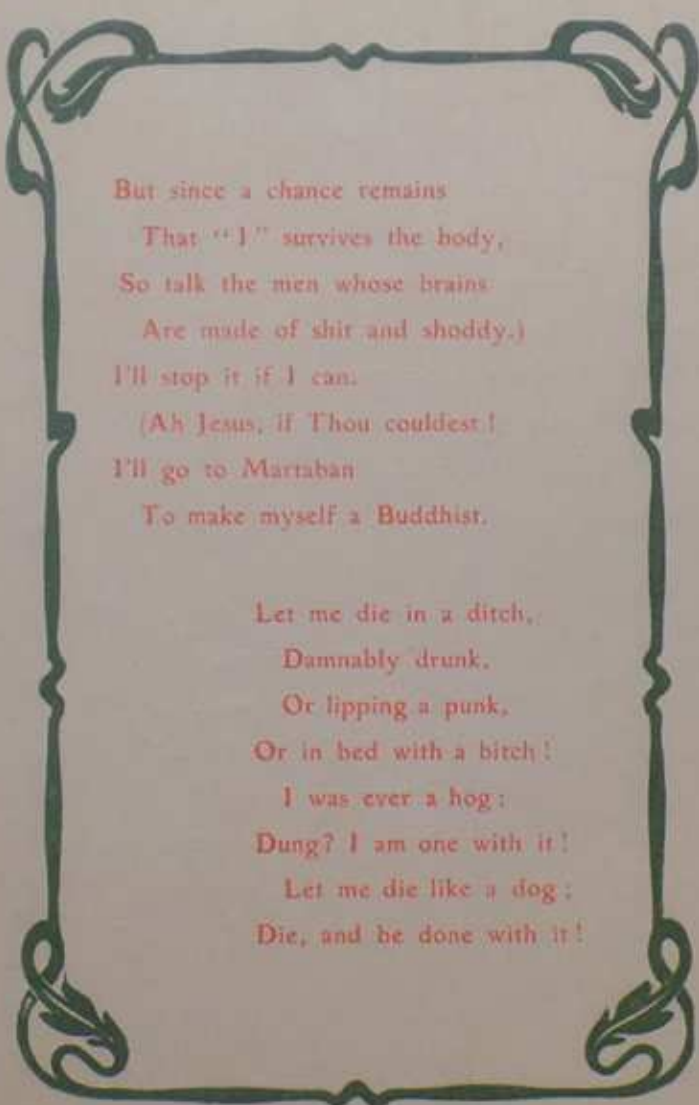
As far as reason goes,
There's hope for mortals yet:
When nothing is that knows,
What is there to regret?
Our consciousness depends
On mutter in the brain;
When that rots out, and ends,
There ends the hour of pain.

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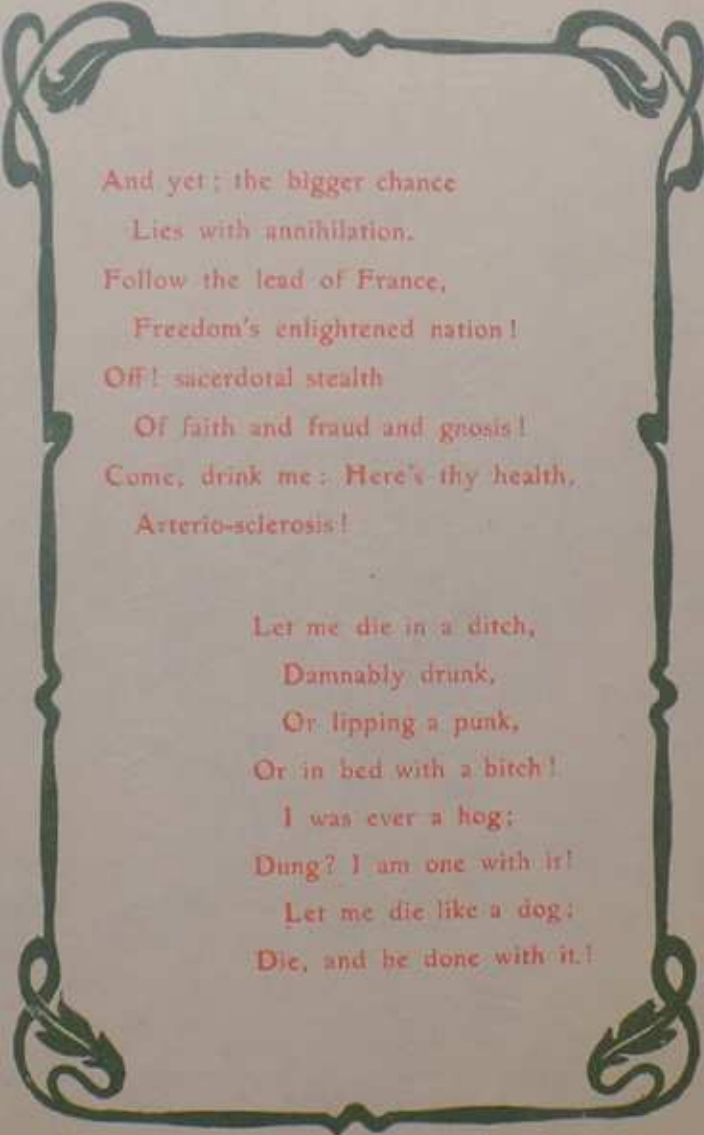
If we can trust to this,
Why, dance and drink and revel!
Great scarlet mouths to kiss,
And sorrow to the devil!
If pangs ataxic creep,
Or gout, or pox, annoy us,
Queen Morphia, grant thy sleep!
Let worms, the dears, enjoy us!

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Damnably drunk,
Or lipping a punk,
Or in bed with a bitch!
I was ever a hog;
Dung? I am one with it!
Let me die like a dog;
Die, and be done with it!



But since a chance remains
That "I" survives the body,
So talk the men whose brains
Are made of shir and shoddy.)
I'll stop it if I can:
(Ah Jesus, if Thou couldst!)
I'll go to Martaban
To make myself a Buddhist.

Let me die in a ditch,
Damnably drunk,
Or lipping a punk,
Or in bed with a bitch!
I was ever a hog:
Dung? I am one with it!
Let me die like a dog:
Die, and be done with it!



And yet: the bigger chance
Lies with annihilation.
Follow the lead of France,
Freedom's enlightened nation!
Off! sacerdotal stealth
Of faith and fraud and gnosis!
Come, drink me: Here's thy health,
Arterio-sclerosis!

Let me die in a ditch,
Damnably drunk,
Or lipping a punk,
Or in bed with a bitch!
I was ever a hog:
Dung? I am one with it!
Let me die like a dog:
Die, and be done with it!

And so —
Farewell!

