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and Others

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My Daughters and My Sisters

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See how fate slides into freedom, and freedom into fate, observe how far the roots of every creature run, or find, if you can, a point where there is no thread of connection.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, 'Fate' in *The Conduct of Life*

'... the lott'ry of my destiny
Bars me the right of voluntary choosing...'
The Merchant of Venice
II, i, 15-6