"Where Alph The Sacred River Ran Through Caverns Measureless To Man/ Down To A Sunless Sea

Kubla Khan. The Rime of the Ancient Mariner. The Eolian Harp. Samuel Taylor Coleridge was a genius who wrote some of the greatest poems in the history of the English language. Together with his friend William Wordsworth, he provided the best articulation of Romanticism, as well as some of the most powerful examples of that aesthetic. This collection, from the excellent Everymans Library Pocket Poets series, includes not only Coleridges poetry, but also some selections from his insightful essays and letters about poetry. But of course, its the poems that count the most, as evidenced by this excerpt from one of Coleridges less legendary works, his beautiful tribute To William Wordsworth, which was written after hearing his friend give an especially moving reading. These sentiments could easily apply to the author himself: The tumult rose and ceased: for Peace is nigh / Where Wisdoms voice has found a listening heart.

My Personal Review:
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