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if a Clod bee washed away by the Sea, Europe  
is the lesse, as well as if a Promontorie were, as  
well as if a Manor of thy friends or of thine  
owne were; any mans death diminishes me,  
because I am involved in Mankinde;  
And therefore never send to know for whom  
the bell tolls; It tolls for thee.

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