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## THE WITCH-MAID AND OTHER VERSES

### THE WITCH-MAID

I WANDERED in the woodland a morning in the spring,  
I found a glade I had not known, and saw an evil thing.

I heard a wood-dove calling, as one that loves and  
grieves,

The sun was shining silver on the small bright leaves,  
O it was very beautiful, the glade that I had found!

I peeped between the slender stems, and there upon the  
ground

A man was lying dead, and from the spear-wound in his  
side

The sluggish blood had ceased to flow, and yet had  
hardly dried.