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OF A NUN
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From Eastertide to Eastertide

For ten long years her patient knees
Engraved the stones—the fittest bride
Of Christ in all the diocese.

THE BALLAD OF A NUN

She conquered every earthly lust ;
The abbess loved her more and more
And, as a mark of perfect trust,
Made her the keeper of the door.

High on a hill the convent hung,
Across a duchy looking down,
Where everlasting mountains flung
Their shadows over tower and town.



“ The fittest bride
Of Christ in all the diocese”.