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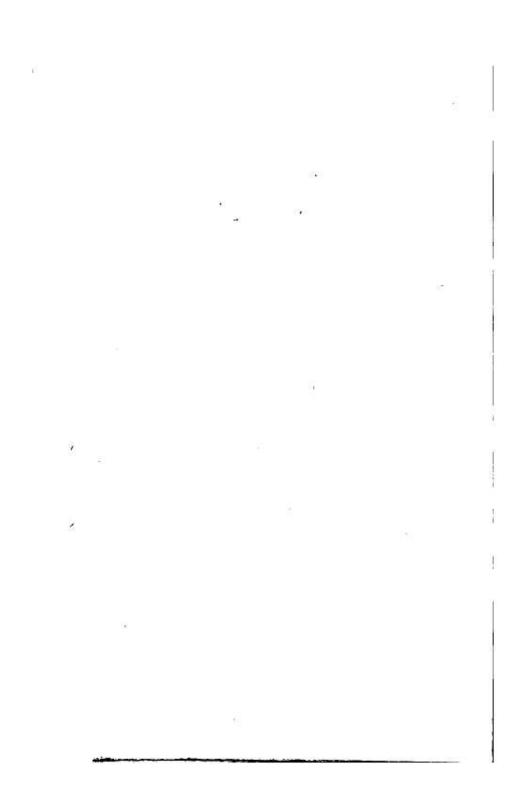


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To My Brother CLARENCE ANDREW FISHER,

Whose loyal enthusiasm and constant affection Have been the inspiration of my modest endeavor, This book is lovingly DEDICATED.



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MAYING.

Oh, come my love, day's gates unfold,
And bounteous Apollo
Is melting floods of mellow gold
O'er forest, field and fallow.
We must not stay,
We must away
To greet the glorious sun
To revel with the radiant May
'Round Summer's golden throne.

The birds intone their gushing hymns
O'er stream and grove and meadow,
The brooklets ripple silvery rhymes
To dancing glint and shadow;
The flow'rets rare
In scented air
Lift up their dew-lit eyes,
In wonder at the May-time fair
And all its sweet surprise.

We'll join the eager, festive throng,
With bird and brook and flower,
In wild delight and happy song
In every teeming bower.
Oh, hurry, dear,
The wanton air
Is kissing all the blooms,
And drinking all the dew-drops rare
That hide in jewelled glooms.

We'll linger in the haunted wood
With thrushes' rapture thrilling,
Sweet spirit-tones of solitude
Our hearts with transport filling.
Or on some height
In haloed light
We'll stand in wonder so,
To see the earth in radiance bright
So pure and lovely glow.

The throbbing silence rich with tone,
In flowered wood-dells hushing,
Shall breathe its solemn secret lone
With glow and glamour blushing.
The blissful day
Of rapturous May
We'll spend with elf and sprite,
Like children charmed by fairy play
In worlds of weird delight.