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TO MY GRANDMOTHER

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WHOSE LIFE WAS A POEM FULL OF TENDER SYMPATHY  
AND WHOLESOME STRIVING.





## Foreword

I, the poor minstrel, wandering through the maze of time, come to thy palace, O my King the Reader, with naught save my little lyre upon which I play my feeble strain. The Gods grant that my songs may please thee and give thee cheer and sympathy for my people.

THE SINGER.



## A LITTLE DREAMING

### Dream of a Whisper

#### I

I shall dream!—shall dream  
Of a whisper soft  
From the lips divine,  
From the lips aloft,  
From the lips of Circe.

#### II

And my soul awakes,  
Though my eyes are closed;  
Pleasure fills my veins,  
As when Venus rose  
Sea-nymphs laughed so softly.

#### III

Fair enchantress, weave,  
Weave a dream for me;  
Let my Hellas live  
Down beside the sea—  
Sea of starlit strangeness.