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MY DEAR WIFE



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LIGHT O' LOVE

THERE suddenly came upon her, as she stood in the glare and horror of the London midnight, an intense longing to go back to the little village. For a moment she closed her eyes to the glitter of the lamps, her ears to the jests and blasphemies of the mob that surged about her. Again, as in a dream, she heard the birds singing and chirping in the garden gay with apple-blossom; again, as in a rare vision, she saw the low hills wrapped in the blue-grey mist of early morning, and beneath them the winding stream that girt the village as with a silver belt. She smelt the smell of the fields, the divine fragrance of the brown soil turned up by the glittering ploughshare, the scent of leaves that lie thick and heavy in wood and lane when autumn comes, the perfume of new-made hay, the odour of grass and hedgerow when the April