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The oldest man he seemed that ever wore gray hairs!

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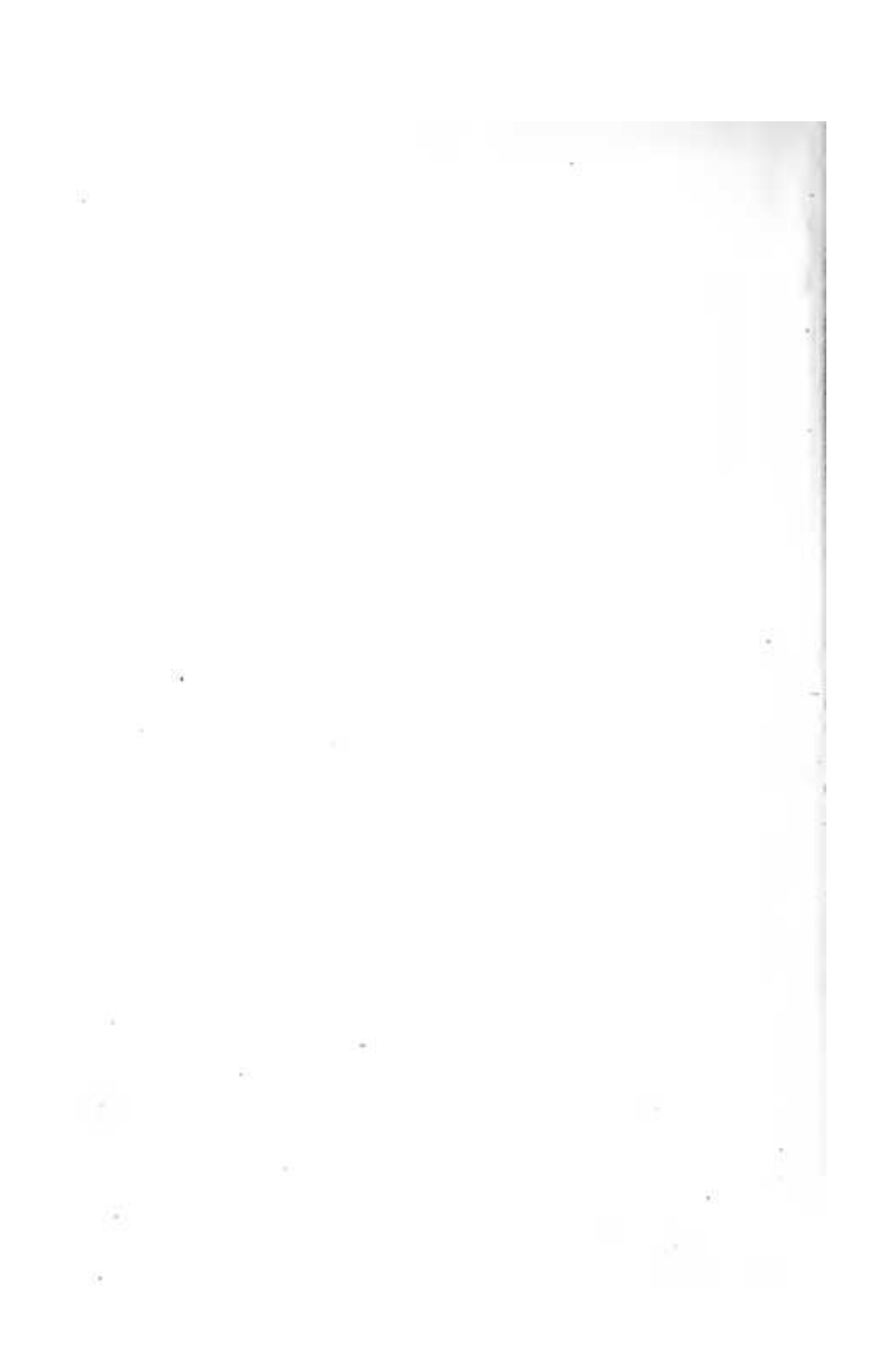
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THIS CHRISTMAS GIFT

*Christmas 1892*





*Father on Earth, for whom I wept bereaven,  
Father more dear than any Father in Heaven,  
Flesh of my flesh, heart of this heart of mine,  
Still quick, though dead, in me, true son of thine,  
I draw the gravecloth from thy dear dead face,  
I kiss thee gently sleeping, while I place  
This wreath of Song upon thy holy head.*

*For since I live, I know thou art quick not dead,  
And since thou art quick, yet drawest no living breath,  
I know, dear Father, that there is Life in Death.*

*This, too, my Soul hath found—that if there were  
No hope in Heaven, the world might well despair,  
That thro' the mystery of my hope and love*

*I reach the Mystery that dwells above . . .  
Father on Earth, still lying calm and blest  
After long years of trouble and sad unrest,  
Sleep,—while the Christ I paint for men to see  
Secketh the Fatherhood I found in thee !*