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AND THE LATE JOHN LEACH.*

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TO
TOM HOOD, ESQ^R.

THESE VERSES ARE

Dedicated

BY

HIS FRIEND AND WORKFELLOW,

THE AUTHOR.

P R E F A C E.



THE following trifles have already made their appearance in various periodicals. The limit of their pretension is obvious from their individual brevity and collective title; with few exceptions, they were intended simply as drawing-room songs. Without aspiring to the high level of the days when Praed, Bayly, Hood, Fitzgerald, Theodore Hook, and the two Smiths wrote for music, may I flatter myself that these Carols are at least equal in point of taste (if not in point of humour) to certain light and lively ballads that are at present popular through the medium of the music-halls?

Some readers will probably think the name of this book suspiciously similar to that of Mr Frederick Locker's charming *London Lyrics*. Let me anticipate a charge of plagiarism by observing that Mr Locker himself was kind enough to send me the suggestion for my present title.

To those gentlemen who have given me permission to republish various verses in this collection, I am sincerely obliged.

H. S. L.

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