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## SONGS OF THE AFFECTIONS.

They tell but dreams—a lonely spirit's dreams;  
Yet ever through their fleeting imagery  
Wanders a vain of melancholy love,  
An aimless thought of home; as in the song  
Of the caged skylark ye may deem there dwells  
A passionate memory of blue skies and flowers,  
And living streams—far off!

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### A SPIRIT'S RETURN.

"This is to be a mortal,  
And seek the things beyond mortality!"  
MANFRED.

THY voice prevails—dear friend, my gentle friend!  
This long-shut heart for thee shall be unsealed,  
And though thy soft eye mournfully will bend  
Over the troubled stream, yet once revealed  
Shall its freed waters flow; then rocks must close  
For evermore, above their dark repose.

Come while the gorgeous mysteries of the sky  
Fused in the crimson sea of sunset lie;