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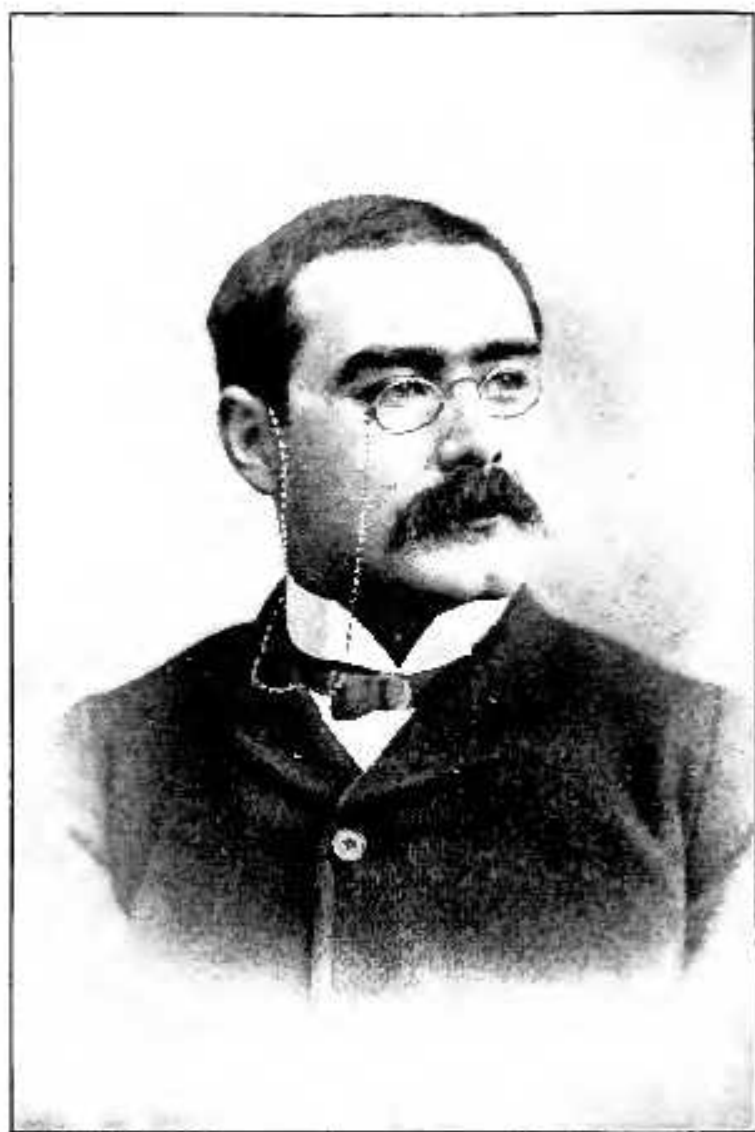
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I have eaten your bread and salt,  
I have drunk your water and wine  
The deaths ye died I have watched beside,  
And the lives that ye led were mine.

Was there aught that I did not share  
In vigil or toil or ease,  
One joy or woe that I did not know,  
Dear hearts across the seas?

I have written the tale of our life  
For a sheltered people's mirth,  
In jesting guise but ye are wise,  
And ye know what the jest is worth.





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