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THE soaring lark from swelling breast may sound  
Exultant strains that thrill the world below ;  
The thrush on flute melodious may blow  
The sweet sad tones that stir the soul profound ;  
But haply, too, on lonely shady mound  
The wood-bird pipes a heart-song soft and low,  
That through her own breast sends a cheery glow,  
Yet brightens, too, the little world around :  
And may not one who feels his bosom swell  
And thrill at every note sublime and strong,  
Who loves the sweet sad melodies that dwell  
And linger in the heart's recesses long,  
The while himself he cheers, attempt as well  
To lighten others with his artless song ?





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## Mabel Gray.

WHERE on one of England's manors  
Last at even fell the sunbeams,  
Ashley Lodge in silence lay ;  
At the vale and hillside's meeting,  
Where first crept the stealthy shadows  
From their noontide hiding-places,  
Was the home of Mabel Gray.

Ashley Lodge lay wrapped in silence,  
For the master from its portals  
Death had beckoned years before :  
Lady Ashley with her children  
Left the home where every turning  
Brought remembrance of the loved one  
Who should tread its walks no more.