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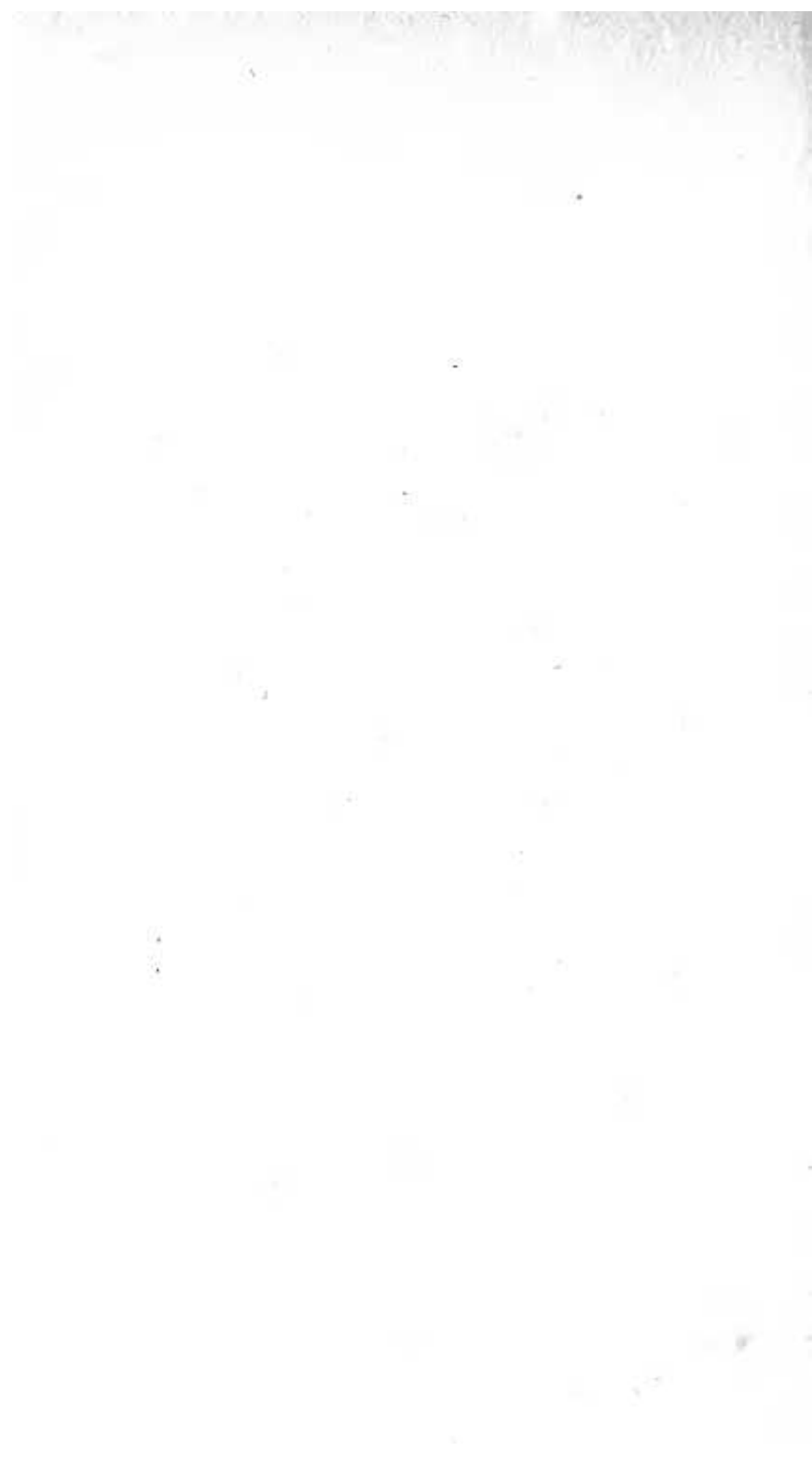
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FAIR sister France, Britannia hails this day,
Auspicious harbinger, delayed too long !
In storied page, on canvas and in song,
Shall live the advent of King Edward's May.

Our paths lie parallel by land and sea,
A kindred spirit animates our laws,
Together we have triumphed in the cause
Of sovereign right and dear-bought liberty.

Thy sunny shores are England's pleasure-ground,
Thy arts, thy letters, have their votaries here,
And Albion's muse unto French hearts is dear.
Why have we sat so long apart and frowned ?
Let us no longer wiser moods withstand,
But cherish peace and progress hand in hand !



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