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PART I

**To
MY FATHER**

THE SONG OF THE LITTLE SINGER

HO, you who on your mountain-heights
Have sung the songs that must remain;
Sharing your torments and delights
I hail you, brothers, from the plain.

My pipe is but a slender reed,
My numbers halt, my fingers grope,
But like your own, my spirit's need
To voice its passion and its hope.

Lowly, I tend the Muse's shrine
Till the blest miracle be wrought,—
The rapture of the lyric line,
The capture of the cadenced thought.