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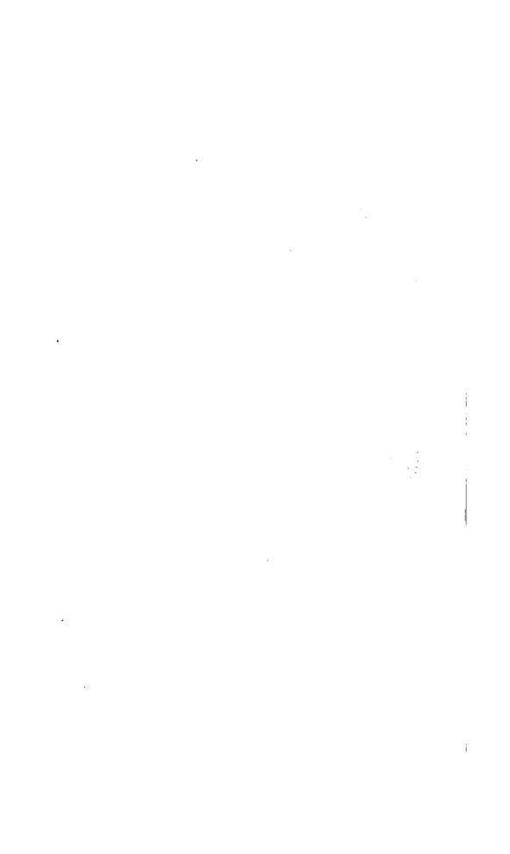
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THE POET'S SECRET.

THE poet's secret I must know,
If that will calm my restless mind.
I hail the seasons as they go,
I woo the sunshine, brave the wind.

I scan the lily and the rose,

I nod to every nodding tree,

I follow every stream that flows,

And wait beside the steadfast sea.

I question melancholy eyes,

I touch the lips of women fair:

Their lips and eyes may make me wise, But what I seek for is not there.

In vain I watch the day and night,

In vain the world through space may roll;

I never see the mystic light

Which fills the poet's happy soul.

Through life I hear the rhythmic flow

Whose meaning into song must turn;

Revealing all he longs to know,

The secret each alone must learn.