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[Among the verses in this collection may be found a few which have previously appeared in a volume, by the same Author, now out of print.]

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etc. etc.

Born London 1838  
Died there 1917

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*Now as you pass the Thames along  
Pray listen to the Rhymer's song!*

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TO  
WILLIAM HENRY WELDON, C.V.O., F.S.A.  
CLARENCEUX KING OF ARMS—  
IN MEMORY OF MANY DELIGHTFUL DAYS  
ABOARD HIS MOST HOSPITABLE "ATHENA"—  
THIS VOLUME IS INSCRIBED  
BY HIS OLD FRIEND  
THE AUTHOR

### THE BILL OF LADING

*The Thames, let me mention, here claims your attention—  
You'll find it depicted afloat and ashore ;  
Its banks and backwaters, its picturesque quarters,  
From Trewsbury Mead even down to the Nore !  
Likewise its dock margins, its grimy coal barges,  
Its steam-tugs, its vessels from Glasgow or Goole ;  
Where lumpers are stirring and cranes ever whirring  
And liners and schuyts you may see in the Pool.  
Here toiling amazing and infinite lazing,  
'Mid open air life, are presented to you :  
And moonlight excursions and endless diversions  
In houseboat or dinghy, in punt or canoe !  
Then if you have leisure, may I have the pleasure,  
To ask you to kindly accompany me—  
My banjo is ringing, pray list while I'm singing  
The Songs of the Thames from the Source to the Sea !*

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