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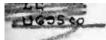
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FOR EDMUND AND EDITH BECOKS

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To age-old Chronicles and ancient Songs This youthful tale of Margaret belongs: Rooted in wintry gloom, Time's orchard glows With fragrant Blossoms mocking Winter's snows. So Love around this cold, bewildered Earth Sweeps like a flood, and lo! the Spring has birth!

THE TIDES OF SPRING

PERSONS

MALCOLM CEANNMOR, son of Donnchad, King of Scotland. COMNALL BOGAIG, the King's Steward. FATHER THEODORIC, Confessor to Margaret Ætheling. The MORMARR of BUCHAN. The MORMARRS of LENNOX, ÆNGUS, and MARR. Two Northumbrian Envoys. Attendants.

MARGARET ÆTHELING. Her Companions and Attendants.

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The scene passes upon a broad platform over the gatescay of King Malcolm's Tower at Dunfermine. At the right, the great square tower, with a spacious arched passage from the hall within. The parapets of the platform sweep in a circle from the tower around the back of the scene. Beyond them stretches an apple orchard, which would seem to crowd up to the very gate of the castle, for tree-tips, white with bloom, rise above the parapets, and send shoots of blossom through them against the floor of the platform. The orchard, and a great expanse of brilliant green moorland, fill the middle background, sloping down to the glimmering waters of the Firth of Forth, beyond which dimly rise toward the snowy clouds of a May morning, the huge forms of Dunedin Rock, surmounted by its Maiden Castle, and