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"The air that floated by me seemed to say:

'Write!'

And so I did." KEATS.



NEW-YORK

CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS

1879

Of the poems in this book, many are now published for the first time ; others have appeared in various magazines ; and a few—because they appeal to adults, and so seem to belong here—are reprinted from a volume of verses for children issued a few years ago.

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IN THE CAÑON.

INTENT the conscious mountains stood,
The friendly blossoms nodded,
As through the cañon's lonely wood
We two in silence plodded.
A something owned our presence good ;
The very breeze that stirred our hair
Whispered a gentle greeting ;
A grand, free courtesy was there,
A welcome, from the summit bare
Down to the brook's entreating.

Stray warblers in the branches dark
Shot through the leafy passes,
While the long note of meadow-lark
Rose from the neighboring grasses ;
The yellow lupines, spark on spark,