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BECAUSE, O best beloved, thou hast been
So much to me these many, many years;
The charmed circle of thy love within
Holding me safe from woman's bitterest tears;

Because thy strength, in many an hour of need,
Has been my sure support, my constant stay,—
No sword to wound me, and no broken reed,
But a strong tower to shelter me alway;

Because thy heart still answers to my own,
Though young Romance we buried long ago,
What time Life's burdens were upon us thrown,
And its June roses lost their crimson glow;

Because,—but, ah! I do not need to tell
Why at thy feet I drop these humble lays;
For in thy heart of hearts thou knowest well
Whose love makes beautiful my summer days!

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