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*A Book of Verses underneath the Bough,  
A Jug of Wine, a Loaf of Bread, and Thou  
Beside me singing in the Wilderness—  
Oh, Wilderness were Paradise to me!*  
—Omar Khayyám



CHARLES HUTT  
CLEMENT'S INN GATEWAY  
LONDON

1885

TO BRANDER MATTHEWS:

BY THE HEARTH.

*The night is late; your fire is whitening fast,  
Our speech has silent spaces, and is low;  
Yet there is much to say before I go—  
And much is left unsaid, dear friend, at last.*

*Yet something may be said. This fading fire  
Was never cold for me; and never cold  
Has been the welcoming glance I knew of old—  
Warm with a friendship usage could not tire.*

*The kindly hand has never failed me yet,  
And never yet has failed the cheering word;  
Nor ever went Perplexity unheard,  
But ever was by thoughtful Counsel met.*

*The plans we made, the hopes we nursed, have fed  
These friendly embers with a genial fire.  
Not till my spirit ceases to aspire  
Shall their kind light within my heart be dead.*

*Take these, the gathered songs of striving years,  
And many fledge and warmed beside your hearth;  
Not for whatever they may have of worth—  
A simpler tie, perchance, my work endears.*

*With them this wish; that when your days shall close,  
Life, a well-used and well-contented guest,  
May gently press the hand I oft have pressed,  
And leave you by Love's fire to calm repose.*





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