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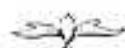
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**M**OST of the verses collected in this volume have been printed at various times, and in sundry ways, during the last twenty years. About one-third of the songs are new. The rest have been published with music; and, of these, many have become popular.

This is my excuse for gathering together lyrics, the chief merit of which is that they are more *singable* than perhaps better poetry sometimes is; and that they have been loved, and sung by lips that will sing no more.

Of the recitations, it is enough to say that they are not meant to be read *in silence*. They were written with a special intention, and demand the interpretation of the human voice. Most of the other poems appeared many years ago in a volume which is now out of print.



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## PREFACE TO THIRD EDITION.

A THIRD Edition of these Songs and Recitations having been called for, upwards of thirty new ones have been added to the collection. The incident which forms the subject of "On a Spar" was communicated to me by a lady, in a short poem. She vouched for the truth of the story, and requested me to amplify it, with a view to Recitation, if I thought fit.





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