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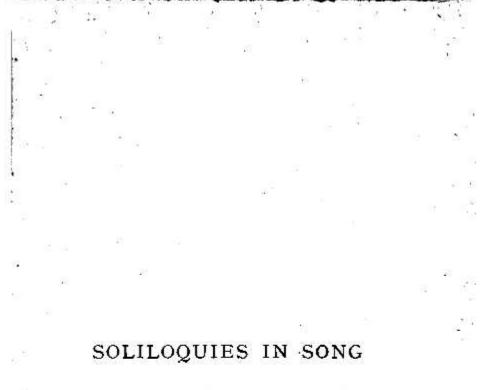
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WHERE have you been through the long sweet hours That follow the fragrant feet of June ? By the banks and the hedgerows gathering flowers, Ere the dew of the dawn is sipped by noon.

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And sooth each wilding that buds and blows You seem to have found and clustered here, Round the sprays of the rustic child-like rose That smiles in one's face till it stirs a tear.

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The clambering vetch, and the meadow-sweet tall, That nodded good-day as you sauntered past, And the poppy flaunting atop of the wall, As proud as glory, and fades as fast.