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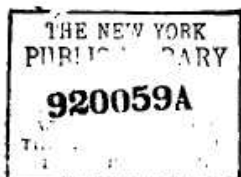
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### THE POET.



A moody child and wildly wise  
Pursued the game with joyful eyes,  
Which chose, like meteors, their way,  
And rived the dark with private ray:  
They overleapt the horizon's edge,  
Searched with Apollo's privilege;  
Through man, and woman, and sea, and star  
Saw the dance of nature forward far;  
Through worlds, and races, and terms, and times  
Saw musical order, and pairing rhymes.

Olympian bards who sung  
Divine ideas below,  
Which always find us young,  
And always keep us so.