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... for he was
Born unto singing.
RICHARD REALD.

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To
W. W. CORCORAN,
PATRON OF ART AND PHILANTHROPIST,
I DEDICATE
This Little Volume.

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THE HEART'S CHOICE.

A PAINTER quickly seized his brush,
And on the canvas wrought
The sweetest image of his soul, —
His heart's most secret thought.

A Minstrel gently struck his lyre,
And wondrous notes I heard,
Which burned and thrilled and soothed by turns,
And all my being stirred.

A Singer sang a simple song, —
An echo of his soul ;
It vibrates still through all my life,
And lifts me to its goal.

A Poet took his pen and wrote
A line of Hope and Love ;
It was a heaven-born thought, and breathed
Of purest joys above.