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ELEONORE.

## INTRODUCTION.



It chanced, one bronzed autumn-morn,  
Just at that season when the corn  
Awaits the sickle, and the grapes  
Are blushing into purple shapes,  
That to a valley sunk too deep  
For echoes, 'mong the hills asleep,—  
My feet, in following the gleam  
Of a young silver-threaded stream,  
Along its tortuous course descended  
All day; as through the rocks it snarl'd,  
Now crept, now leapt 'neath thick-set vines;

Red-beaded ash, and olive gnarl'd,—  
Until its convolutions tended  
Down a blue gorge, where lofty pines  
Stood sentinel.

My footstep broke  
The stillness of the wood, and woke  
An echo on the crisp'd air.  
Crushing the leaves of the old year  
With elsewhere noiseless tread. Adown  
The valley, as I went, there fell  
A radiance on the woods, that told  
Of day departing, and the frown  
Of pines ambrosial darker grew  
Against the evening sky. Right through  
This wood the stream its course did keep,  
Till it stood by an ancient well,