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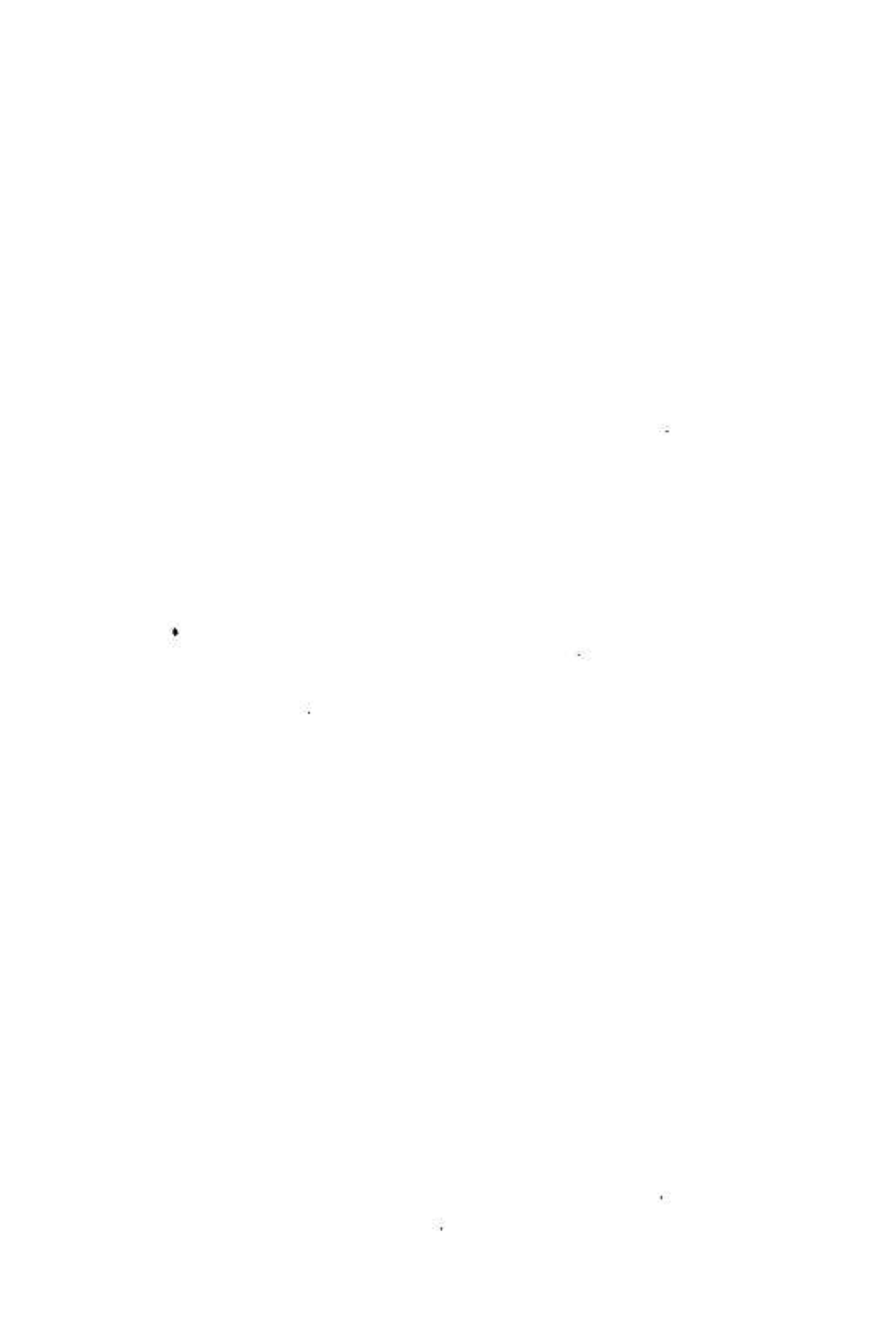


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“Le joyeux temps passé souloit estre occasion que je faisoie de
plaisants diz et gracieuses chançonnetes et ballades. Mais je me suis
mis à faire cette traitté d'affliction contre ma droite nature . . . et
suis content de l'avoir prinse, car mes douleurs me semblent en estre
allegées.”—*Le Roman de Troilus.*



TO all old Friends; to all who dwell
Where Avon dhu and Avon gbel
Down to the western waters flow
Through valleys dear from long ago;
To all who hear the whisper'd spell
Of Ken; and Tweed like music swell
Hard by the Land Debatable,
Or gleaming Shannon seaward go,—
To all old Friends!

To all that yet remember well
What secrets Isis had to tell,
How lazy Cherwell loiter'd slow
Sweet aisles of blossom'd May below—
Whate'er befall, whate'er befall,
To *all* old Friends.



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BOOK I.

Of the coming of Paris to the house of Menelaus, King of Lacedaemon, and of the tale Paris told concerning his past life.