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BY SEROB ALGUNO.

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THE BARDS OF LIND:

TO WIT,

LONGFELLOW, BRVANT, WHITTIER, PERCIVAL, SPRAGUE, HALLECK, LOWELL, DANA, HOLMES, AND WILLIS.

COLLECTED AND ADAPTED TO

THE MUSIC OF THE SPHERES,

WITH

A SOOTHING SONNET, AND A PRELUDE,

BY THE SAME.

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Tue shades of night had fallen fast, As through the Cambridge streets there past A maiden, with a basket swung Upon her arm ; but still she sung, Ohùshmychild 1

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Her brow was sad; her eye beneath Flashed like a falchion from its sheath, And, like a whispering angel's, rung The accents of that unknown tongue, Ohùshmychild !

PRELUDE.

In Harvard halls she saw the light Of students' chambers glimmering bright; Onward she pressed through dew and dust, Still whispering to her helpless trust, Ohùshmychild !

"Try not the pass !" the watchman said ; "Bright stars are gazing overhead, Dark Charles's torrent is deep and wide !" And low that whispering voice replied, Ohùshmychild !

"O, stay," the Goody said, "and rest Thy weary head upon this breast!" A tear stood in her bright blue eye, But still she answered with a sigh, Ohùshmychild!

"Beware the Proctor's watchful eye ! Beware the awful Faculty !" This was "Ma'am D---'s" last good-night; A voice replied, far out of sight, Obùshmychild ! 23

PRELUDE.

The ghost of Harvard on the blast Wailed as the mournful maiden passed; The church bell sounded; with a jump She whispered, hastening to the pump, Ohùshmychild I

There, in the cold and silent shade, Her weeping load she weeping laid; But, ere she went, she kissed the child, And murmured low, in accents wild, Ohùshmychild !

Again she turned, and bending o'er The babe, she kissed it as before; But when a footstep sounded far, Her voice fell like a falling star, Ohùshmychild i

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