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O, SOVRAN wonder of the Almond Tree,
That with the dawning hid itself in bloom
As, bare in rosy covert, hides a nymph !
Nor leaf had it, nor bud ; but shuddered white,
Branching the moon. Now, see it, like a cloud
Red in the West ; red to its blossom-heart
Of odorous beauty. Bright between the blooms
The sky of Spring is blue as loving eyes,
The wan gleams flicker—sunshine. On the air
Come wafted breaths of sweetness as from lips,
From parted lips of woman, and, with sweet,
Warm glows, the dainty shadows beauty casts
Lovingly fall. So flush with love and all