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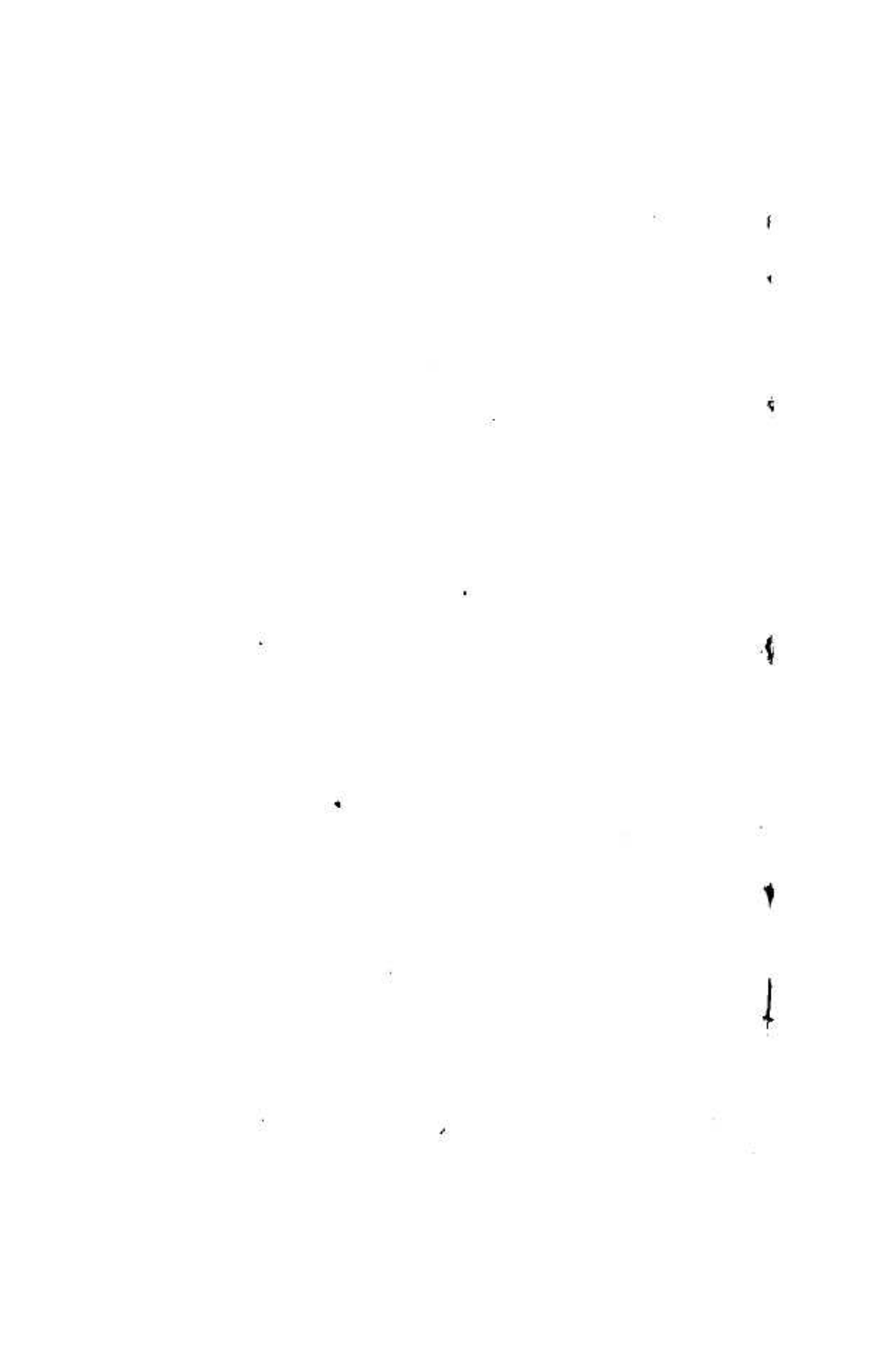
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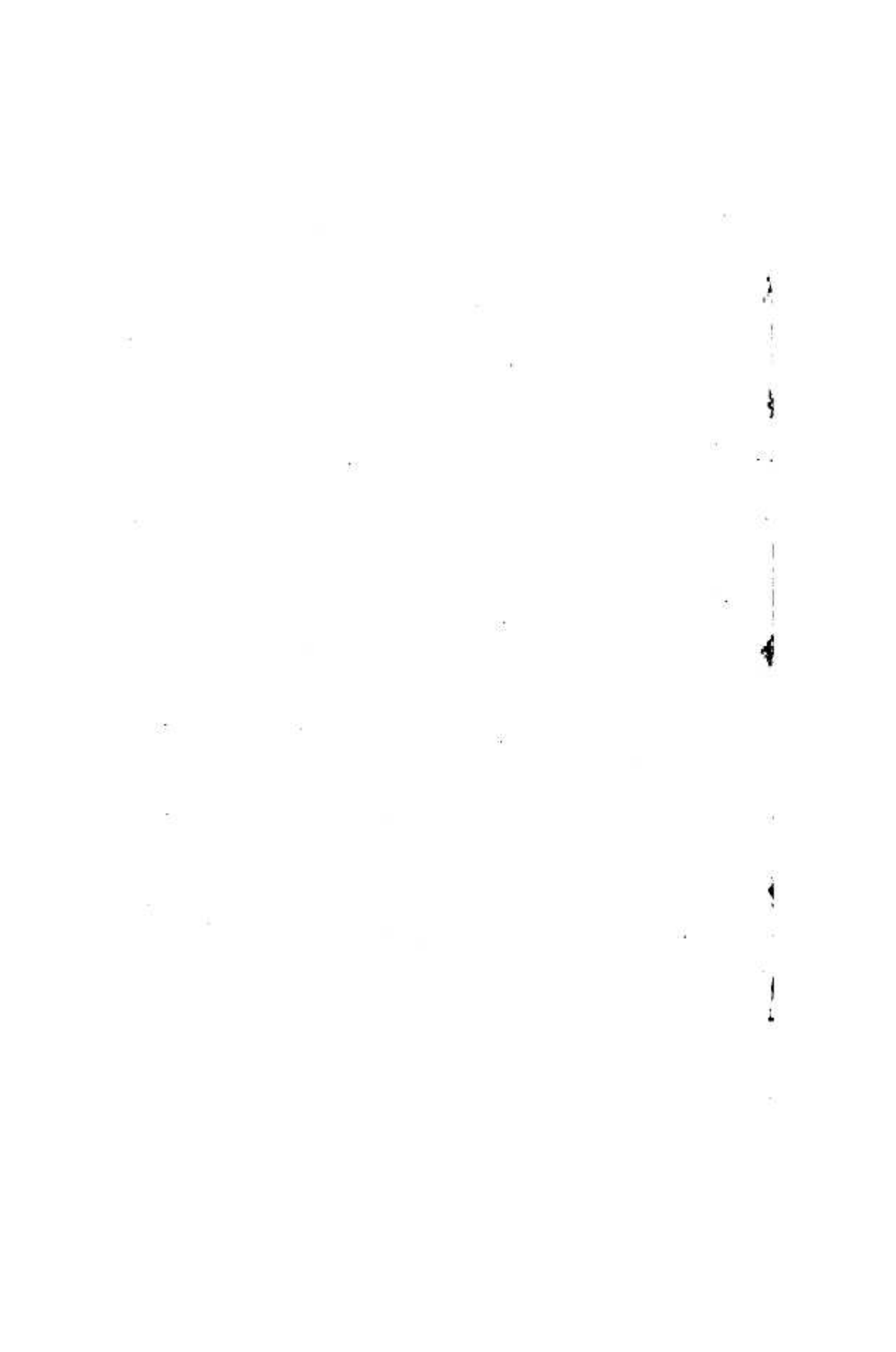
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TO
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DEDICATORY SONNET.

IF sound or strain in any lay of mine
Not all unwelcome or unworthy be—
If any pleasant measure lead the line,
And make faint echo of fair melody ;
That sound and strain is dedicate to thee,
And thine the measure ; for that thou of all
Unto my first and faltering minstrelsy
Didst lend most gracious ear ; if it befall,
As well it may, that all too low and long
The harp-string ringeth now, take thou no shame
That so I link thy merit with my song,
Thou courteous Lady ! for a noble name,
Not the less sheweth beautiful and bright,
Though pale the star that gives its letters light.

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