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"NON A BATTENTI!"

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I have had not rhyme nor reason.

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Inscribed to a dear Child:
in memory of golden summer hours
and whispers of a summer sea.

Gift with a boyish glee for board task,
Finger she winks her spade: yet lovin' as well
Rest on a friendly knee, intent to seek
The tale our loves to tell.

Naive scoffer of the seething outer world,
I forget to tread her girth and simple spright,
Doubt, if thou wilt, each hour a waste of life,
Temple of all delight!

Chut out, sweet Maid, and rescue from many
Hearts that by wiser folk are unbegudled;
Ah, happy he who owns that tenderest joy,
The heart-love of a child!

Away, fond thoughts, and vex my soul no more!
Work claims my wakeful nights, my busy day
Albeit bright memories of that sunny shore
Yet haunt my dreaming gaze!

[OF the following poems, ECHOES, A GAME OF FIVES, the last three of the FOUR RIDDLES, and FAME'S PENNY-TRUMPET, are here published for the first time. The others have all appeared before, as have also the illustrations to THE HUNTING OF THE SNARK.]

