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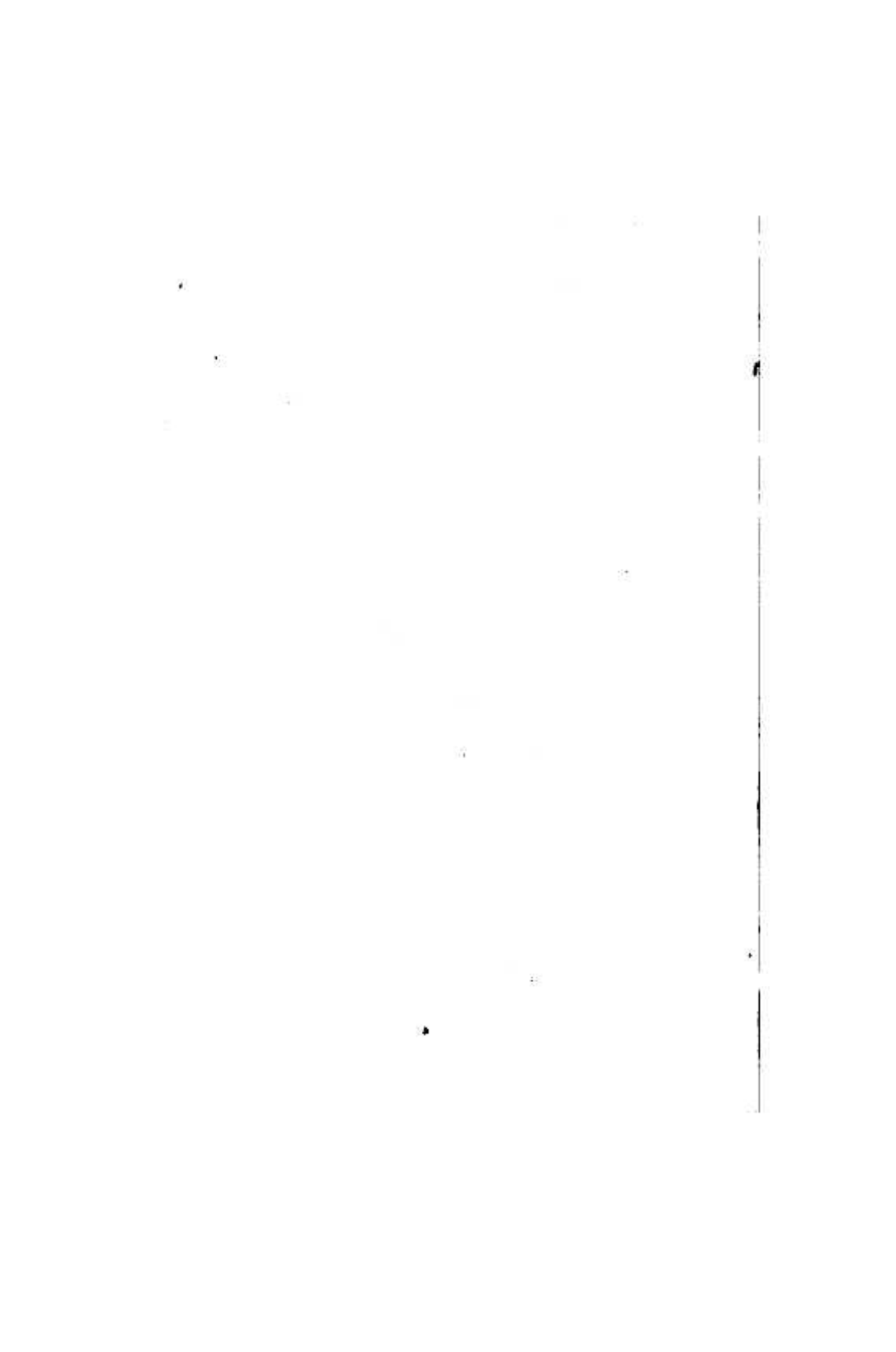
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"And I would the Green Harper might wake his soul to singing,  
With music of the golden wires heard when the world was new,  
That from his lips an echo of its sweetness may come ringing—  
A song of pure and noble hopes, a song of all things true."

—ETHNA CARRERY.

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Long, long ago (ah, how long!) there was a bare-foot boy, aerech-shinned (the pampered world of nowadays knows naught of the proud affliction—and shall not know), frayed of garments, wont to scud the moors, and skip the hills, and thread his way by the briary brooks in the green glens of Donegal, his pockets bursting with ballads, and his heart with love of Ireland; the former of which he thought the grandest boon earth could bestow, and the latter the most soul-satisfying joy in the gift of the gods. The world had named him very poor—because, then as now, the world sees only the superficialities. To appear poor to the crowd was probably his whim—one of those whims which we can all so easily pardon, even admire, in the avowedly opulent. For, in truth, he was of the millionaire magnates of earth, master of mines among his native mountains, gold and silver mines and diamond, which sank to insignificance all the trove of over-sung El Dorado.

One day this boy, turning his back upon fabulous treasures, foolhardy, hied him out over the great ring of hills—I see them around me as I write—

*which had hitherto herded his dreams—and never returned. His name is now a mere memory on the moor.*

*Some song-seeds dropped from him in his dreams, however, found root, and came to bloom, in their poor fragrance holding his memory a little longer amid the hills. The writer of this note, who knew the youth, and, having seen into his heart, was partial to him, has culled a handful of the blossoms (some of them sorry ones enough, but pardoned because they are of the country-boy's heart) and would, with reverent hand, now place them above the breast of one at whose feet the boy had laid his love—of one beloved by Éire to whose sad soul she sang sweetest songs—of one who, like the boy I have been speaking of, is now no more.*

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To the Memory  
of  
**Ethna Carbery,**  
Silver-tongued, Heart of Gold,  
This Book of Ballads,  
by  
The Country-Boy.

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2. The second part of the document outlines the procedures for handling any discrepancies or errors that may arise. It is important to identify the source of the error and to take appropriate steps to correct it. This may involve reviewing the original documents and consulting with the relevant personnel.

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10. The tenth part of the document discusses the importance of ongoing monitoring and review of the financial records. This involves ensuring that the records are kept up-to-date and that any changes are properly documented and approved.

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