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IN 1896 an edition of three hundred copies of Miss Plummer's "Verses" was printed, mainly for private distribution. The little book has long been out of print; and this new edition is issued in response to requests made since the author's death in September, 1916. The earlier volume contained fifteen poems. These are reprinted here, with four which were written later.





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"THE WIND-SWEPT MULTITUDE  
IN THE INFERNO"

**E**VER we drift, drift,  
Swept by a wind we resist not,  
Whirling and turning swift;  
Onward we drift, drift,  
Blown through the cloud and the rift,  
Whither we know not and list not.

Hark to the curses that tear  
Their way through the rush of the air!  
Love that was uncontrolled,  
Killed by the ceaseless cold,  
Holds like a weight in its arms the price of the heaven it sold,  
Daring its voice to lift,  
Cursing the fatal gift,  
Winding in closer folds as onward we circle swift.

Ages and ages past,  
Passion-enthralled at last,