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PREFACE

ALL the songs of the 'Nativity Play,' together with the whole of the 'Pageant of Our Lady' and the 'Christmas Songs,' which are here printed, were designed to be set to music by my friend, Mr. Joseph Moorat. Standing thus separate from their context, their appeal to the reader is necessarily incomplete. I can only hope that they precede by a very short time the publication of the music to which from their first inception they were dedicated in friendship, in admiration and in confidence.

L. H.

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