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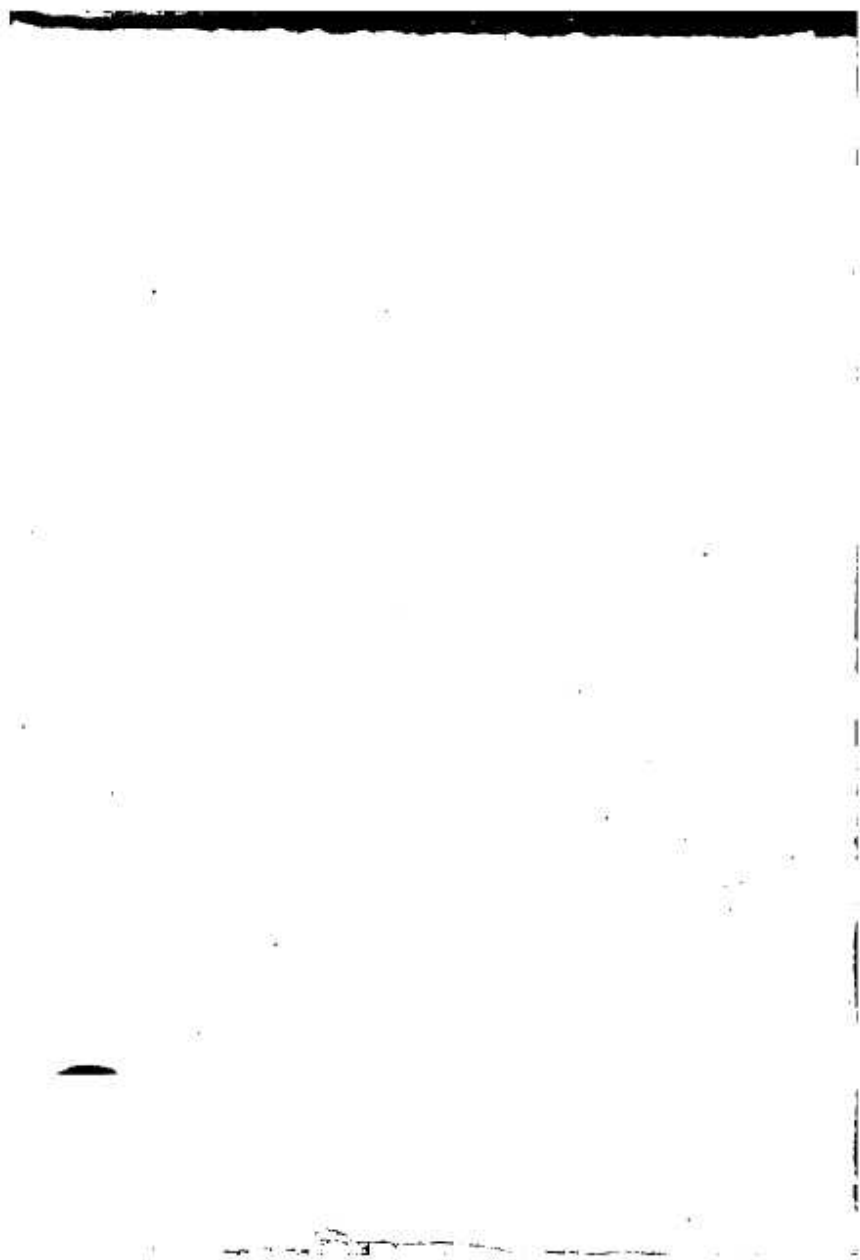
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TO MY MOTHER.

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*In years long past you were held fast,  
By homely tasks, to Life's dull prose.  
Yet in your heart there lived apart  
The love of poetry. Who knows,*

*My dear, if so to you I owe  
What measure of poetic sense  
My verse contains? Though faint, such strains  
May be to you some recompense.*







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