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*Where London sprawls across the gentle fields,
In those far fringes where the green begins—
Eltham and Enfield, Southall and Wanstead Flat—
The landscape but a loveless prospect yields ;
Wan grass, the last week's washing, a dead cat,
Factories, maisonettes and sardine-tins.*

*Yet even here the honeysuckle blows,
And the shy nightingale enchants the gloom ;
And sometimes I have seen the wild white rose
Around the hawthorn bough at Barnet Fair ;
And when the evening flowers with lights of home,
Each window seems a little silent prayer.*

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