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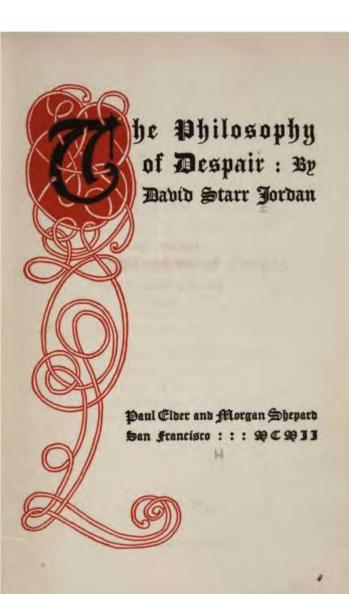
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TO

JOHN MAXSON STILLMAN IN TOKEN OF GOOD CHEER

A darkening sky and a whitening sea,

And the wind in the paim trees tall;

Soon or late comes a call for me,

Down from the mountain or up from the sea,

Then let me lie where I fall.

And a friend may write — for friends there be,
On a stone from the gray sea wall,
"Ingle and town and reef and sea.—
I loved God's Earth and His Earth loved me,
Taken for all in all,"



we have, the day and mine, the only day me have, the day in which we play our part. What our part may signify in the great whole, we may not understand, but we are here to play it, and now is our time. This we know, it is a part of action, not of whicing. It is a part of love, not cynicism. It is for us to express love in terms of human helpfulness. This we know, for we have learned from sad experience that any other course of life leads toward becay and waste.



