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A minstrel was old and reclining
Asleep, on the marge of a stream,
A Genius approached him, entwining
A wreath round his brow, it would seem.
Said the Genius : "Thy muse I will cherish,
Her mesh-spider's web shall not perish."

A dream!

But yet not a dream, it was real,—
The figure that dropped by his side,
A palpable form, not ideal,
Thus fulfilment and dream were allied.
Said the Genius : "Thy muse I will favour,"
Then the Poet, desisting to waver,

Replied :

"My songs were begotten in sorrow,
My harp-strings were touched by the wind;
But ever I hoped in some morrow
To gather together and bind
In a Volume, my Verse and my Theme,
To the Truth, I awake from a dream,

It is signed!"



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