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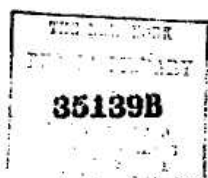
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TO ELEANOR

O FT has the Old World traveler seen,
In ashes of Pompeii pressed,
Immortal, beautiful, serene,
A maiden's shoulder and young breast.

Yet whoso sees aye walks apart,
At footfall of the passer-by;
With something welling in his heart,
Because she too, she too, should die;

And oft thereafter, that same day,
As people fresh from dreams will do,
In dream-continuance, he will say,
"The others — nay, but not she too!"

Oh, if those hostile tongues of fire
A tale so tender-true might bring,
May not perchance a loving lyre
Likewise its dear remembrance sing?

And if the constant lava hold
The body's fairness — ah, no less
These singing leaves would fain unfold
To tell the spirit's loveliness!

