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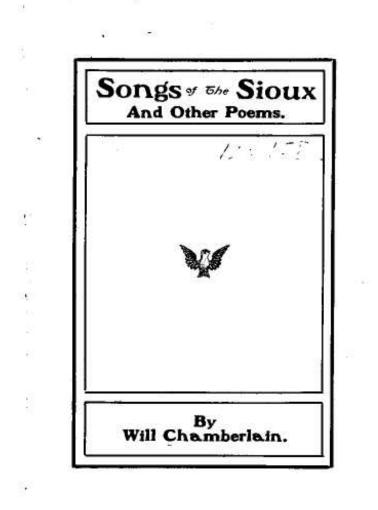
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" Deep in the heart of the painter His bollest art lies unbidden, Back of the song of the singer The soul of the poet is hidden."

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To the near and dear ones, to neighbors, publishers; and to well-wishers whom I have not met in the flesh: to all of these, and all others to whom this book may come as a greeting, it is respectfully inscribed by

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THE AUTHOR.

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PREFACE.

" Ships that pass in the night And speak each other in passing.— Only a signal shown, only a waited greeting, Then darkness again and a silence."

In sending forth this little book, the author has mainly two objects in view. One of these is to see the humble waifs of his pen brought together and given more permanent form. There is a sense of pleasure in calling as it were these children home from the corners of periodicals, and dressing them up in new garments. The second object of the publication is to remind our vigorous and increasing population of some of the more immaterial phases of life on every hand. Flesh and bone decay, but the spirit, the dream, the fancy, live forever. My humble desire has been in the past, and is here, to encourage the better natures of men-to divert, in passing, the thought from ambition wholly sordid, and open the way in a small degree for those inexpressible ideals so close to every hopeful heart.

If in "Songs of the Sioux" you come to see beauties of river and prairie not before noted, the work of composition and the expense of publication will have been repaid.

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