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TO SONG

Here shall remain all tears for lovely things
 And here enshrined the longing of great hearts,
 Caught on a lyre whence waking wonder starts,
To mount afar upon immortal wings;
Here shall be treasured tender wonderings,
 The faintest whisper that the soul imparts,
 All silent secrets in all lonely parts
Where nature murmurs of her hidden springs.

O magic of a song! here loveliness
 May sleep unhindered of life's mortal toll,
 And noble things stand towering o'er the tide;
Here mid the years, untouched by time or stress,
 Shall sweep on every wind that stirs the soul
 The music of a voice that never died!

IN EXCELSIS

Spring!
And all our valleys turning into green
Remembering—
As I remember! So my heart turns glad
For so much youth and joy—this to have had
When in my veins the tide of living fire
Was at its flow;
This, to know,
When now the miracle of young desire
Burns on the hills, and spring's sweet choristers again
Chant from each tree and every bush aflame,
Love's wondrous name:
This under youth's glad reign,
With all the valleys turning into green—
This to have heard and seen!

And Song!
Once to have known what every wakened bird
Has heard:
Once to have entered into that great harmony
Of love's creation, and to feel
The pulsing waves of wonder steal
Through all my being; once to be