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## AND IT WAS WINDY WEATHER

Now the winds are riding by,  
Clouds are galloping the sky,  
And the trees are lashing their  
Leafy plumes upon the air ;  
They are crying as they sway—  
*“ Pull the roots out of the clay,  
Dance away, O, dance away ;  
Leave the rooted place and speed  
To the hill-side and the mead,  
To the roaring seas we go,  
Chase the airy birds, and know,  
Flying high, flying high,  
All the freedom of the sky,  
All the freedom of the sky.”*

## THE RIVALS

I HEARD a bird at dawn  
Singing sweetly on a tree,  
That the dew was on the lawn,  
And the wind was on the lea ;  
But I didn't listen to him,  
For he didn't sing to me.

I didn't listen to him,  
For he didn't sing to me  
That the dew was on the lawn  
And the wind was on the lea ;  
I was singing at the time  
Just as prettily as he.

I was singing all the time,  
Just as prettily as he,