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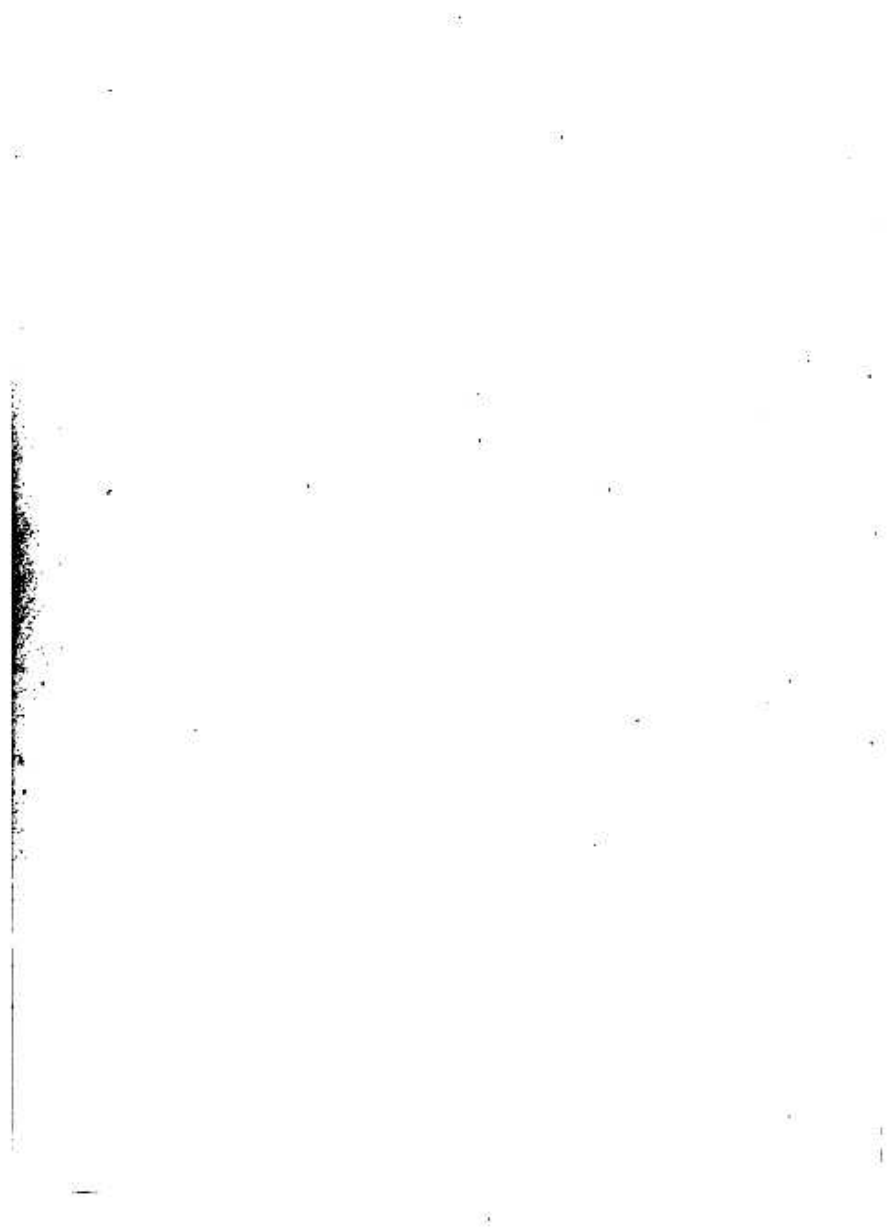
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TO EDWARD JOHN TRELAWNY.

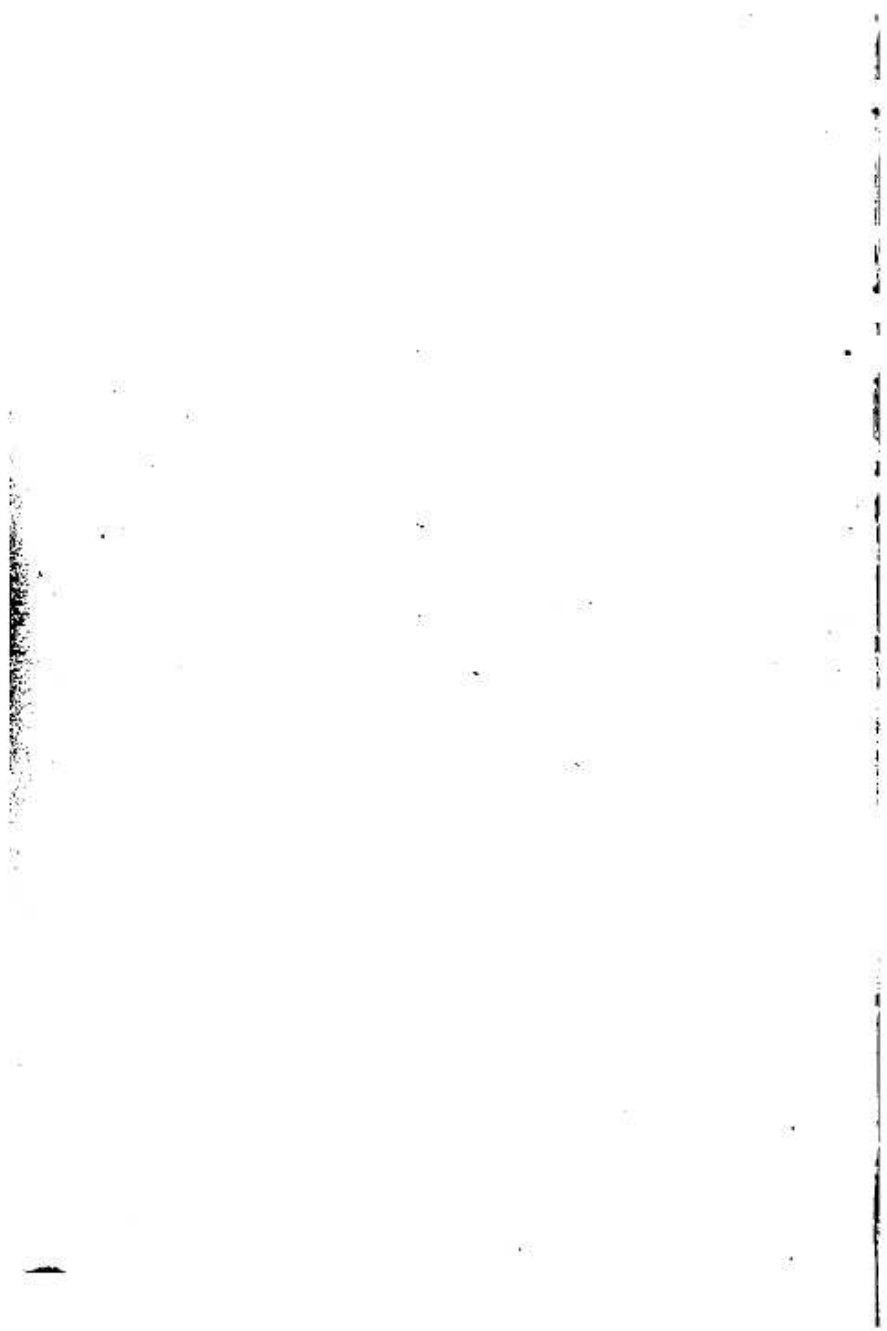
*A SEA-MEW on a sea-king's wrist alighting,  
As the north sea-wind caught and strained and curlea  
The raven-figured flag that led men fighting  
From field to green field of the water-world  
Might find such brief high favour at his hand  
For wings imbrued with brine, with foam impearled,  
As these my songs require at yours on lan:  
That durst not save for love's free saks require,  
Being lightly born between the foam and sand,  
But reared by hope and memory and desire  
Of lives that were and life that is to be,  
Even such as filled his heavenlier song with fire  
Whose very voice, that sang to set man free,  
Was in your ears as ever in ours his lyre,  
Once, ere the flame received him from the sea.*







THALASSIUS  
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