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POMPEII OF THE WEST

IN the Ausonian land a city rose
Far from the haunts of poverty and toil,
Where wearied ones sought rapture or repose,
And evermore from the enchanted soil
New fountains flashed into the odorous air,
New palaces sprang upward to the light,—
Doomed not to know decay: that vision fair
Fled from the wreck of ages,—in a night
Of fire and ashen gloom passed perfect out of sight.

And when the swift-revolving years had brought
Four centuries to a later, larger West,
And men were burdened with the wealth they
sought,
And Art seemed dying and the Soul op-
pressed,—
Dawned on our senses in the morning-gleam
That lit the margin of an inland sea
Another city, lovely as a dream,
And like a dream, alas! too soon to be
No more of earth,—a thing of love and memory.