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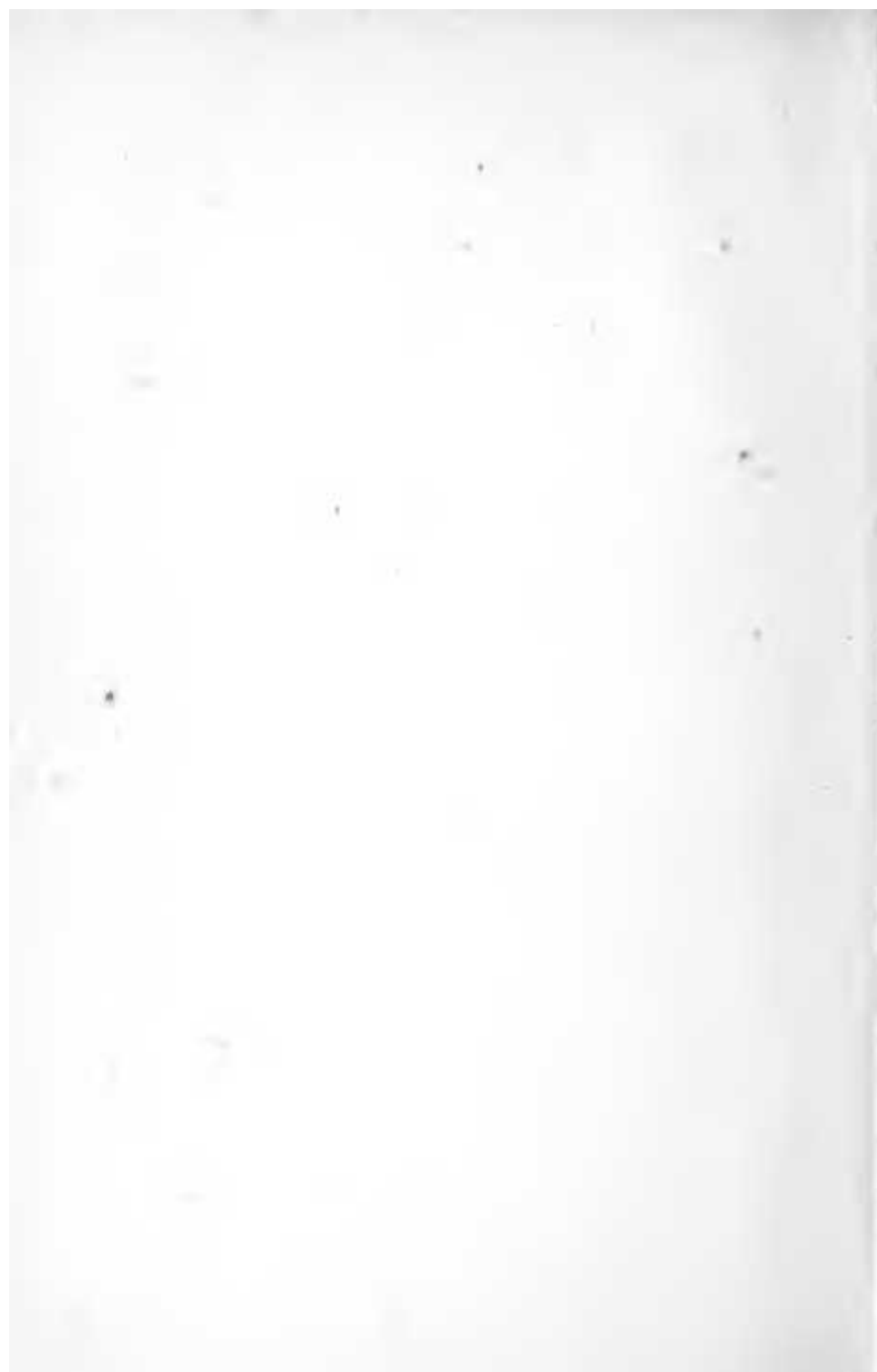
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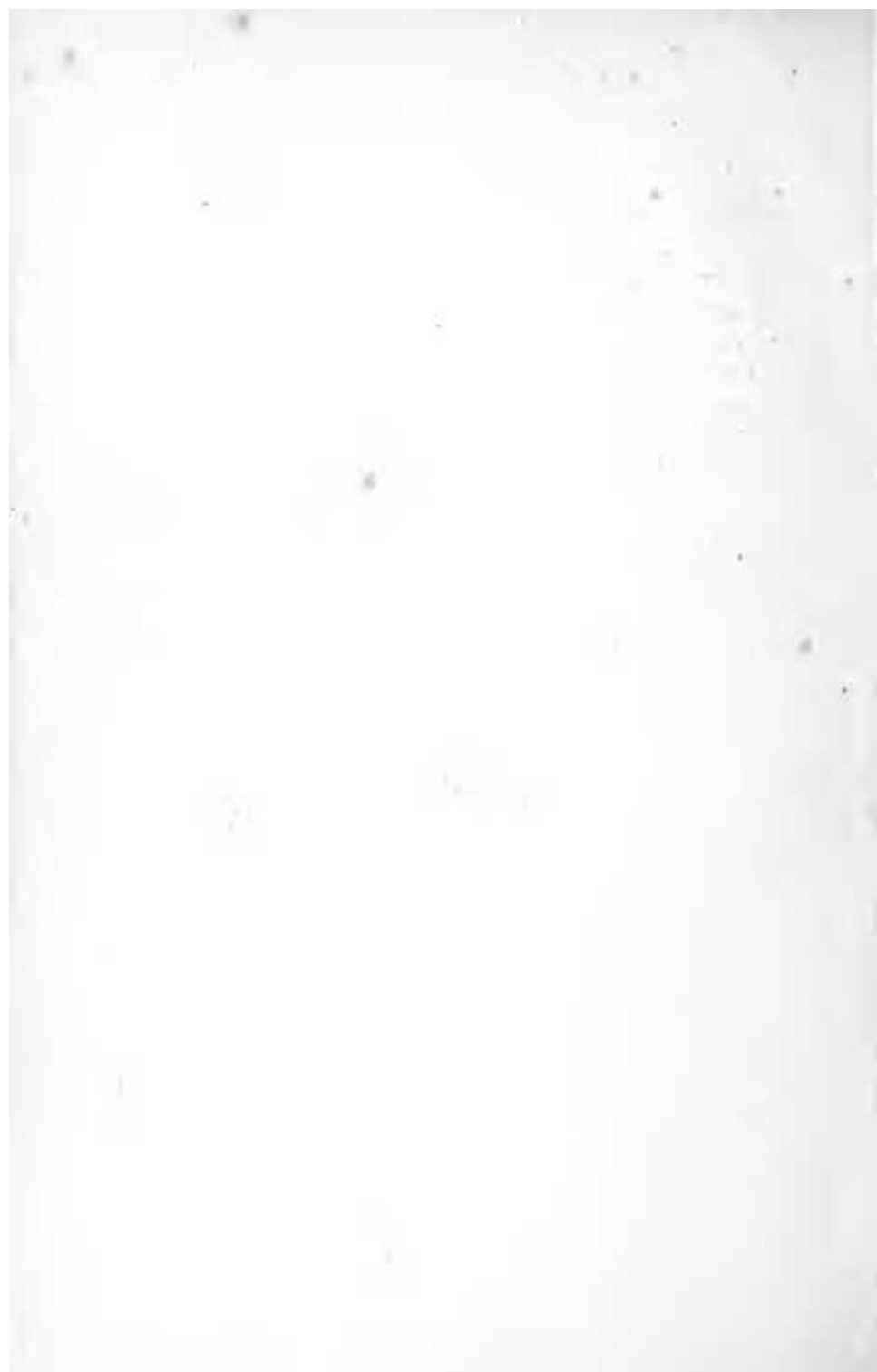
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DESOLATION

WHO comes? . . .

O Beautiful!

Low thunder thrums,

As if a chorus struck its shawms and drums.

The sun runs forth

To stare at Him, who journeys north

From Edom, from the lonely sands, arrayed

In vesture sanguine as at Bosra made.

O beautiful and whole,

In that red stole!

Behold,

O clustered grapes,

His garment rolled,

And wrung about His waist in fold on fold!

See, there is blood

Now on His garment, vest and hood;

For He hath leapt upon a loaded vat,

And round His motion splashes the wine-fat,

Though there is none to play

The Vintage-lay.

The Word

Of God, His name . . .

But nothing heard

Save beat of His lone feet forever stirred

To tread the press—

None with Him in His loneliness;

No treader with Him in the spume, no man.