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"Tis not so much a broken *body*  
you have to mourn, as a broken *dream!*"  
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*To those who linger 'round the hearth of home!  
My father, mother, sister, friend, and son  
Who, while those scenes I've just so vividly recited here,  
Have left the all of earth he held most dear,  
And gone in triumph upward, to his God.*

### TO THESE,

*And all my sex whose feet have trod  
The shadowed paths of sorrow, and have seen  
Their brightest fancies merge in "broken dreams,"*

*—* *—* *—* *—* *—*

*This work of leisure yours,  
This fragile garland formed of Hope's crushed flowers.*

C. E. G.

1872.







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### BOOK FIRST.

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"A beauty gay  
And pure as apple bloms, which show  
Outside a blush, and inside snow."

"Standing with reluctant feet,  
Where the brook and river meet,  
Womanhood and childhood meet."

LONGFELLOW.

