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To F. H.

Little the world will heed
These wild-flowers of my brain,
This wreath of waif and weed,
My songs of sun and rain :

The loud world little recks
Even of song divine ;
She will not long perplex
Her heart with notes of mine.

But you my songs approve
For my sake and for song's,
For praise of perfect love,
And fervid hate of wrongs ;

But most of all, I deem,
Because therein you trace,
Broken, as in a stream,
Some image of my face.

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LOVE'S DAY.

"Venit post multas una serena dies."

TIDE of dawn silently
Welled from the orient,
Fount of humanity,
Lord of the firmament,
Shine, Holy Light, on my love !

Glide with gold sandalled feet
Into her sleeping bower,
Dapple the snowy sheet,
Cherish the folded Flower,
Beam on the breast of my love !

Weave o'er the whiteness there
Links for an amulet,
Gleam in the glossy hair
Strewn on the coverlet ;
Then, when the nest of the dove