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## ATHELNEY.

### PART I.



ING ALFRED came from battle, with his  
thanes  
To Chippenham ; where stayed that day  
the Queen

Alswitha, guarded of a few, that yet  
Clave to their lord the King, when all his best  
Forsook him. He had passed in arms, to meet  
The heathen lances, counting scarce a tithe  
Their number, and returned with scarce a tithe  
Of those he led to battle.

The grey day  
Was near its close, but ere its sun, which then,<sup>1</sup>  
Wheeled on the lowest pathway of the year,  
Sank into darkness, his great shield-like orb