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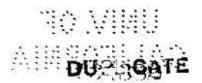
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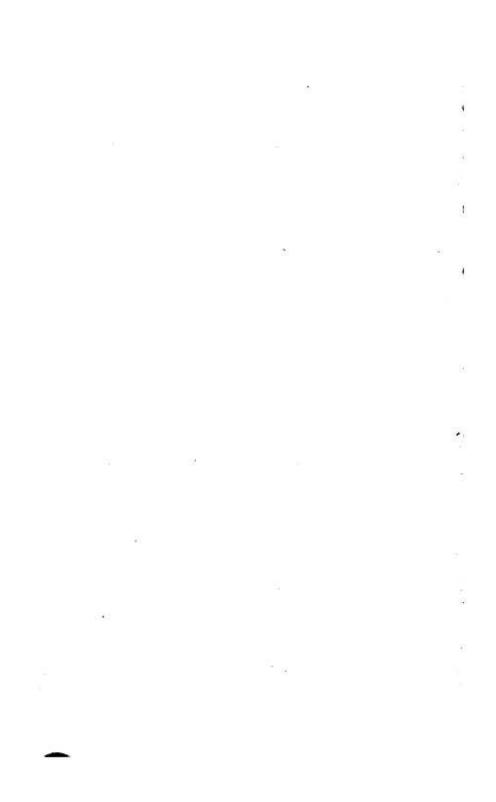
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to my wife

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My truest comrade, dearest friend,
To whom I turn in every need,
Always the first to comprehend
My every thought, my every deed;
Who are my counsel and my creed,
My every joy that I have known,
You all of earthly power exceed
Who rule by love and love alone.

Teach me that I may more depend,
Each gentle mandate fully heed;
Your kingdom o'er my heart extend,
Nor spare it ever, though it bleed.
Teach me to follow where you lead
With willing steps the path you've shown;
Pluck from my life each ugly weed
And rule by love and love alone.

The little garland that I send,
How trivial I need not plead—
Would I might know that all would lend
As kind a spirit as they read—
'Tis an old measure, lightly keyed
And in love's fairest gardens grown,
When hearts knew selfishness nor greed
And ruled by love and love alone.

'Twill be a happy fate indeed,
As you my gravest faults condone,
If you but wish it, dear, God speed,
Who rule by love and love alone.

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