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## THE LITTLE SALAMANDER

TO MARGOT

WHEN I go free,  
I think 'twill be  
A night of stars and snow,  
And the wild fires of frost shall light  
My footsteps as I go ;  
Nobody—nobody will be there  
With groping touch, or sight,  
To see me in my bush of hair  
Dance burning through the night.

## THE LINNET

## THE LINNET

UPON this leafy bush  
With thorns and roses in it,  
Flutters a thing of light,  
A twittering linnnet.  
And all the throbbing world  
Of dew and sun and air  
By this small parcel of life  
Is made more fair ;  
As if each bramble-spray  
And mounded gold-wreathed furze,  
Harebell and little thyme,  
Were only hers ;  
As if this beauty and grace  
Did to one bird belong,  
And, at a flutter of wing,  
Might vanish in song.