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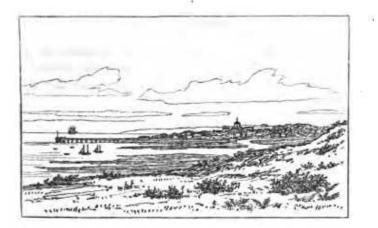
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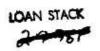
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#### A POOR PLACE.

IT wasn't a place you'd care for much, it hadn't a noble air,

Or a grand cathedral and stately close, where tourists would stand and stare.

Its folk were no better than other folk, and more utterly lost to fame;

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For no poet e'er passed from its doors and made for it, and himself, a name.

Yet whenever I hear of the old-fashioned spot---and "'tis seldom enough," you say---

A feeling comes over my heart as I sit in my home so far away,

As the spirit of one who had ceased to be mine were hovering over me;

It isn't regret, or pride, or love, but a mixture of all the three.

- When a lad from the county that holds that place shows prowess in school or play,
- Or a man from thence does a gallant deed makes earth ring out for a day,

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