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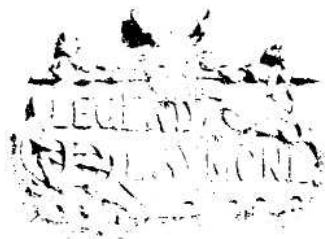
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I.

In chronicles ancient, traditions still score
Their mystic,
Artistic,
And fabulous lore.

II.

While seeking such myths in this glorious clime,
With pleasure
To measure
The ripples of rhyme,

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III.

This Indian legend was found to unfold
The wild ways
Of those days
A century old.

IV.

Since fathers Franciscan this country explored,
While preaching
And teaching
True faith in our Lord,

V.

Came Padres, who valiantly dangers would brave,
Their cause blest
By conquest,
The heathen to save.

LEGEND LAYMONE.



VI.

Some natives were won from idolatry soon,
While others,
Their brothers,
Still worshipped the moon,

VII.

Enthroned on high heaven, surrounded by stars,
With fair face,
Benign grace,
Through peace and wild wars.

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VIII.

Old sorcerers studied its phases by night,
Through changes
And ranges
Of magical light :