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A beggar through the world am I,
From place to place I wander by.
Fill up my pilgrim's scrip for me,
For Christ's sweet sake and charity!

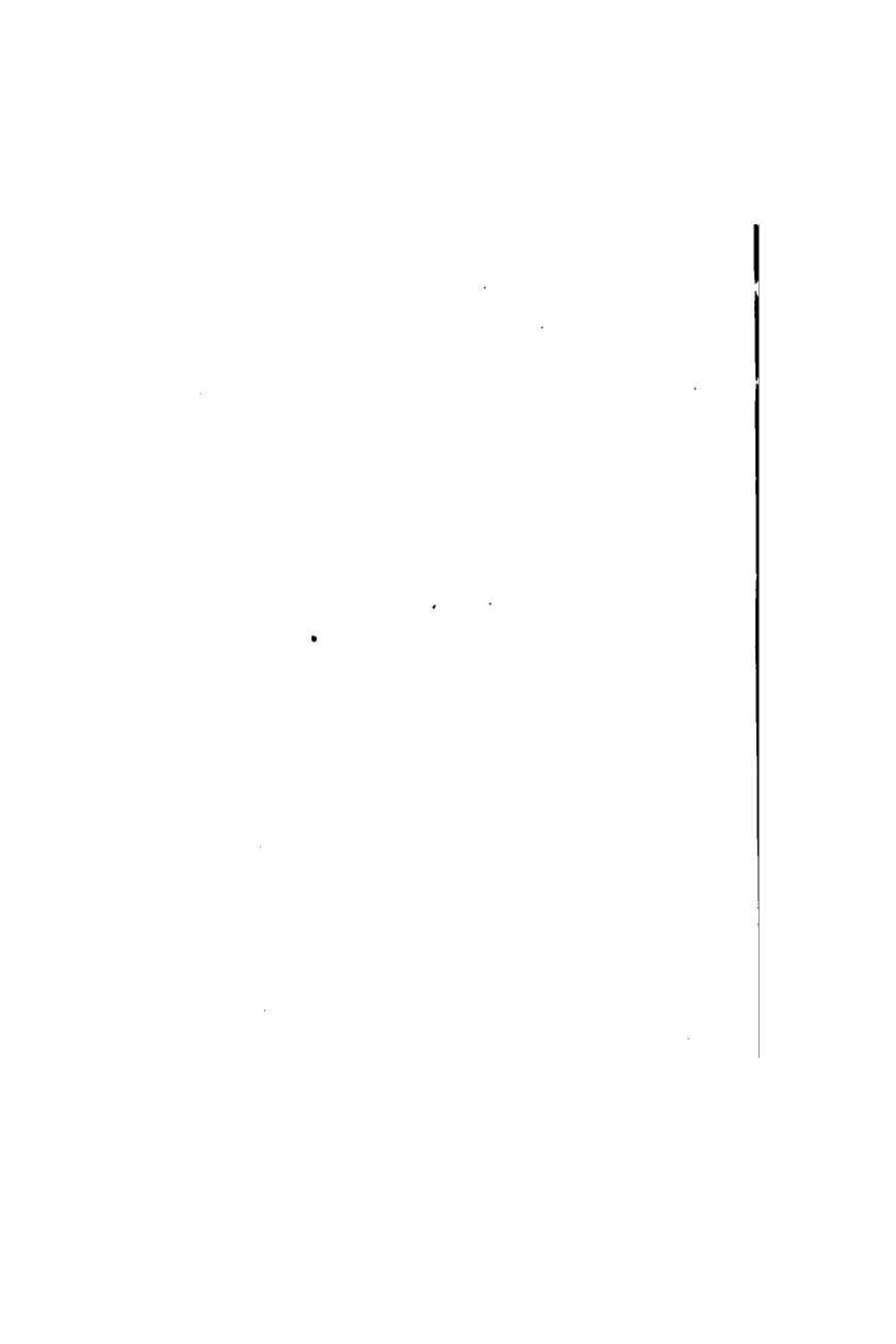
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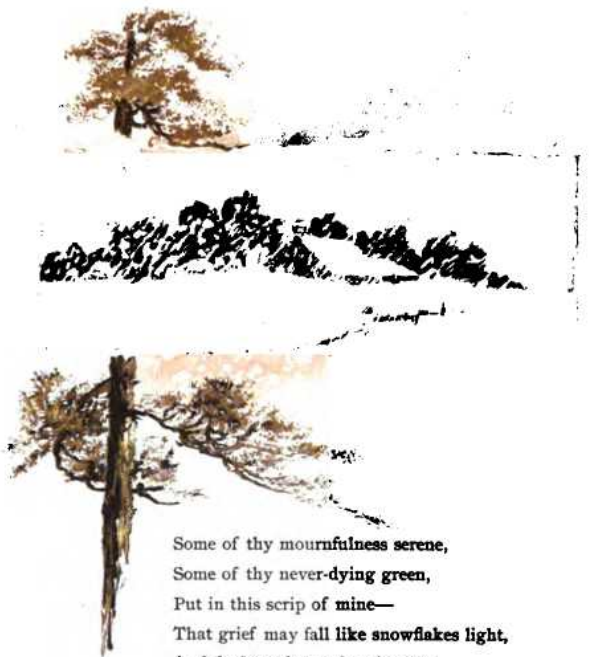


A little of thy steadfastness,
Rounded with leafy gracefulness,
Old oak, give me—
That the world's blasts may round me blow,
And I yield gently to and fro,
While my stout-hearted trunk below
And firm-set roots unmoved be.



Some of thy stern, unyielding might,
Enduring still through day and night
Rude tempest-shock and withering blight—
 That I may keep at bay
The changeful April sky of chance
And the strong tide of circumstance—
 Give me, old granite gray.





Some of thy mournfulness serene,
Some of thy never-dying green,
Put in this scrip of mine—
That grief may fall like snowflakes light,
And deck me in a robe of white,
Ready to be an angel bright—
O sweetly-mournful pine.

