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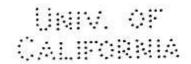


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AND THE TALE OF TROY

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THE CHILDREN OF ODDS
THE BOY WHO KNEW WHAT THE BIRDS SAID
THE GIRL WHO SAT BY THE ASHES
THE BOY APPRENTICED TO AN ENCHANTER
THE CHILDREN WHO FOLLOWED THE PIPER



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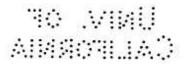
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DEDICATION To M. C. M. C.

The well—
They come to it and take
Their cup-full or their palms-full out of it.

The well—
Stones are around it, and an elder bush
Is there; a high rowan tree; and so
The well is marked.

Who knows
Whence come the waters? Through what
passages

Beneath? From what high tors
Where forests are? Forests dripping rain!
Branches pouring to the ground; trunks,
barks, roots,

Letting the streamlets down: Through the dark earth

The water flows, and in that secret flood That's called a spring, that finds this little hollow.

Who knows

Whence come the waters that fill cup and palm?

Sweetheart and comrade, I give you The waters' marches and the forest's bound, The valley-filling cloud, the trees that set The rains beneath their roots, out of this well.

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