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TO VISU  
ALPHONIA

TO L. A.

*Take them and keep them,  
Silvery thorn and flower,  
Plucked just at random  
In the rosy weather —  
Snowdrops and pansies,  
Sprigs of wayside heather,  
And five-leaved wild-rose  
Dead within an hour.*

*Take them and keep them:  
Who can tell? some day, dear,  
(Though they be withered,  
Flower and thorn and blossom,)  
Held for an instant  
Up against thy bosom,  
They might make December  
Seem to thee like May, dear!*



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