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“ We are such stuff  
As dreams are made on ; and our little life  
Is rounded with a sleep.”

*Tempest, Act iv., Sc. 1.*

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DEDICATED TO  
MY FATHER  
GEORGE H. WRIGHT

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IN England's South, where hill and vale abound,  
Where Nature's hand so lavishly has strewn  
Her beauties, rich and rare, o'er height and plain,  
Of wood and streamlet, meadow-land and park,  
Where flowers, mosses, ferns, and every gem  
To please the eye and cheer the heart of man  
Grow in abundance, lies, 'mid wooded hills,  
A village, peaceful, calm, and sweetly set  
With hedgerows wide and running rivulets,  
Moss-covered cottages, and wooded lanes  
Where nightingale and blackbird sing their chants