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*"Highway, since you my chief Parnassus be,
And that my Muse, to some ears not unsweet,
Tempers her words to trampling horses' feet,
More oft than to a chamber melody!"*



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TO DORA AND HESTER SIGERSON

*There in the Druid brake
If the cuckoo be awake
Again, O take my rhyme!
And keep it long for the sake
Of a bygone primrose-time;
You of the star-bright head
That twilight thoughts sequester,
You to your native fountains led
Like to a young Muse garlanded:
Dora, and Hester.*

March, 1893.

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A ROADSIDE HARP. POEMS
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I

THE mare is pawing by the oak,
The chaise is cool and wide
For Peter Rugg the Bostonian
With his little son beside ;
The women loiter at the wheels
In the pleasant summer-tide.

*Peter Rugg
the Bostonian*

" And when wilt thou be home, Father ? "
" And when, good husband, say :
The cloud hangs heavy on the house
What time thou art away."
He answers straight, he answers short,
" At noon of the seventh day."

" Fail not to come, if God so will,
And the weather be kind and clear."
" Farewell, farewell! But who am I
A blockhead vain to fear?
God willing or God unwilling,
I have said it, I will be here."

He gathers up the sunburnt boy
And from the gate is sped ;
He shakes the spark from the stones below,