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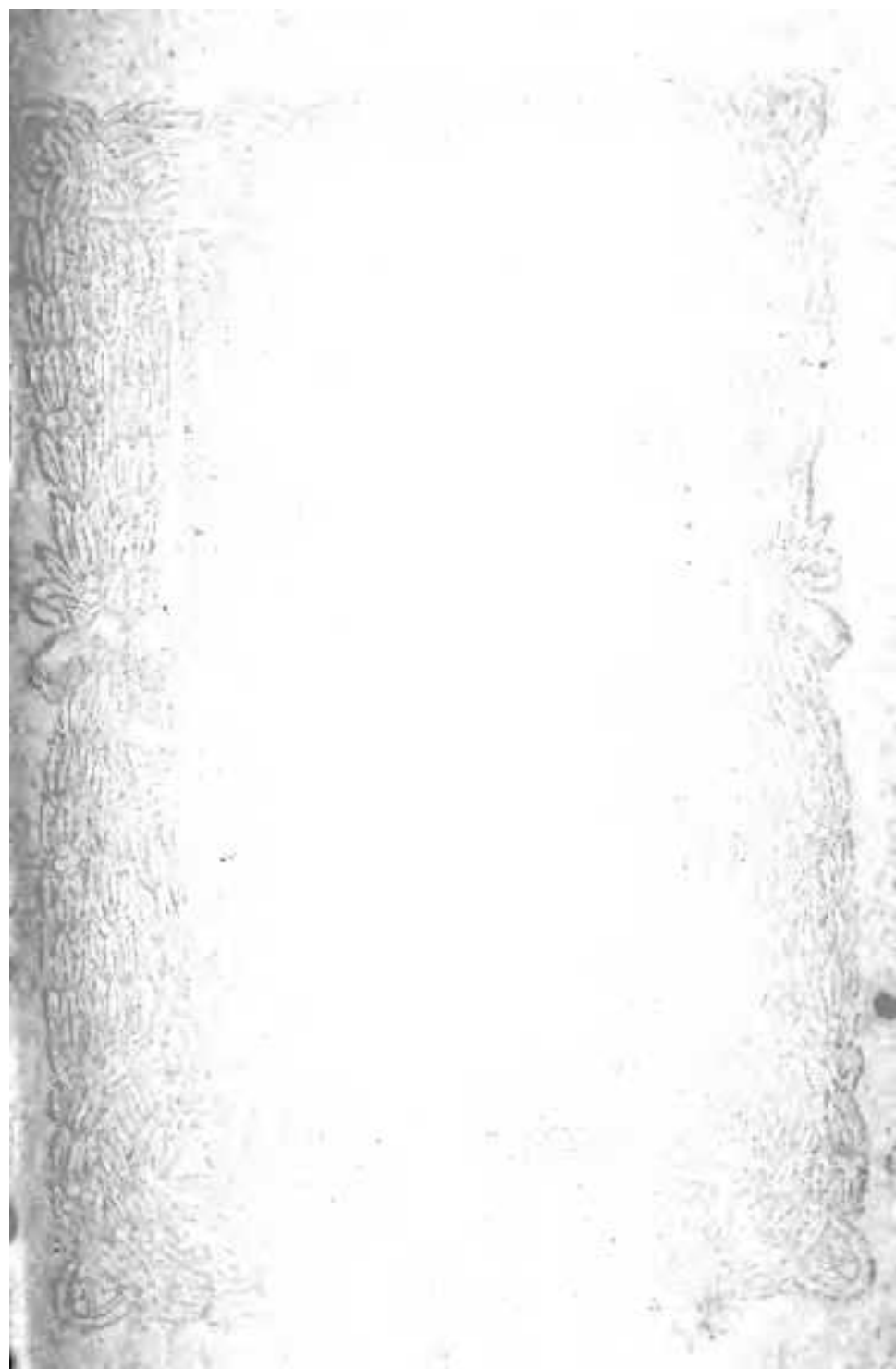
"SET IN THE SILVER SEA"

This royal throne of kings, this scepter'd
isle,
This earth of majesty, this seat of Mars,
This other Eden, demi-paradise,
This fortress, built by nature for herself
Against infection and the hand of war,
This happy breed of men, this little world,
This precious stone set in the silver sea,
Which serves it in the office of a wall
Or as a moat defensive to a house,
Against the envy of less happier lands,
This blessed plot, this earth, this realm, this
England !

Richard II. Act ii. sc. 1











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PREFACE

The title of this little volume sufficiently indicates the spirit and scope of its contents. It may be desirable, however, to mention that after the introductory section, which is devoted to patriotic Songs too general in character to be classed otherwise, the scheme of arrangement is chronological.

The Songs follow the sequence of the events to which they refer. In a few exceptional instances, as in the case of Browning's "Home Thoughts, from the Sea," position has been decided by date of composition, or by the seniority of the writer. Where it has appeared advisable, notes have been inserted on some point of interest in connection with the event, the poem, or the author.

