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Preface

There are some people in the world who seem to have singing souls, — souls that are always finding miracles wherever they may go, who cannot help singing with reverent wonder for the very joy of living. Margaret was always like that. She seemed to cast a quiet radiance about her,—and if you had never believed in fairies before, you did after you knew her.

Her philosophy of life was truly beautiful,—a smile for every sorrow, and a love of all living things. Her delicate fairy poetry has a depth unreached by many throughout their lives. I shall never think of Margaret as long as I live without a smile, as she would have wished,—and a greater determination to make my soul more worth while,—because of having known her.

I love to think of you and smile,

Dear singing soul,— For in the distant afterwhile We'll have to learn of laughter, too; The laughter that can laugh alway, Yes, even when the sorrow's new, And souls like yours all lead the way Up to that goal!

> Margaret's friend and teacher, MARION C. GILBERT.

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Oaksmere, Mamaroneck, New York. When all the world seems dark and grey, And skies are not so blue, I long to cross the weary miles

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Oh mother, dear, to you.

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Fairer than flowers of Paradise, Sweeter than morning dew, Dearer than all of the world to me Sister of mine, are you.

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