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## PRELUDE.

**C**OULD you follow birds of passage  
As they drift o'er evening skies,  
Then perchance you might discover  
Where my sweet Arcadia lies.

Gentle country, rolling country;  
Hills and dells where brooks reside:—  
Lowing cattle, failing hours;  
Homes where loving hearts abide.

So I sing you of Arcadia  
As it was my paradise,  
And midst its waving green hills—  
Grief to tell it—  
There the lake of poison lies.