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with affectionate regard  
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## FROM AVALON

I KNOW it well, that green and tranquil isle,  
Encircled by the arms of summer tides  
That sway and smile, and whisper of the sea.  
Not far away it lies ; its fragrant shades  
Shot through by golden lances of the sun,  
And stirred by gentle airs that wander still,  
On noiseless feet, to find the chamber fair  
Where, couched on mystic herbs and asphodel,  
Healed of his hurts, King Arthur lies asleep.  
Oft have I found its shelter. When the stress  
Of warring winds, and sharp tumultuous storms  
Have left me spent and breathless on the field,  
Then my swift thoughts, for healing and for rest,  
Bear me away to peaceful Avalon.  
The sweet enchantments of the bounteous queen  
Have changed the shifting waves to fields of rye,  
And seas of meadow-grass, that softly break  
Against the low-browed wall that shuts about  
The blessed trees, veiled in eternal bloom.

*From Avalon*

The bees make happy tumult, and the air  
Quivers with gauzy, bright-winged, dancing motes,  
And small white butterflies go shimmering by,  
Silent as souls amid the scented boughs.  
The skies bend low; the pale moon idly drifts,  
A phantom ship, to some celestial port,  
And night and day flow on in still content,  
Through blissful years in changeless Avalon.