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ON A MULE ON THE NEVADA TRAIL IN THE
YOSEMITE VALLEY, 1893.

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O patient little creature,
Would that thou too could'st see
This grandeur and this glory,
Now so revealed to me;

The Merced River dancing,
In wild, perpetual glee,
While rugged mountains guard it
In silent majesty;

The glorious Falls of Vernal,
Nevada's beauteous veil —
O faithful mule, is 't possible
Thou can'st see but the trail?

Can'st not uplift thy being
To God in conscious praise,
And know the untold rapture
Of catching heaven's rays?

Yet 'tis through thy devotion
I reach Yosemite's heart,
And feel the sweet baptism
Her wondrous Falls impart.

For all thy faithful service,
Perhaps some day thou'lt climb
A trail of heavenly beauty
Beyond the trails of time.

Till then I can but wonder,
If heaven itself will show
A trail of wilder grandeur
Than this, earth does bestow.

[The Christian Advocate.]



Yours Sincerely,
Elizabeth Porter Gould.

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