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TO MY TRUE FRIEND

To her whose kind sympathy and aid have been the inspiration of this work—I dedicate these poems.

"Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting: The soul that rises with us, our life's Star, Hath had elsewhere its setting, And cometh from afar."—Wordsworth.

These poems are arranged in the order in which they were written, thus making an unbroken chain in the development of an idea.



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ADRIENNE

Tis a simple tale, a tale of the sea,
And if, as ye read, it seems to be
More than an idle tale, then take
It as murmurings strange that the waters make,—
Voices heard in the sounding waves,
Rising from deep-hid ocean caves.
Interpret the story as ye will,
'Tis only a simple sea-tale still.

I

Once there lived by the surging sea
A maiden wondrous fair;
White as the very sea-foam was she,
Like the sun her shining hair.
And nothing she did the livelong day
But sit beside the surge;
And e'en when the storm-winds flung the spray,
Still clung she to the verge.
Though the booming swell
In thunder spoke;

Though blinding fell
The rain, and broke
The waves on the rocky shore:
Still she dreamed there evermore.
But the sea-gulls thick around her flying
Hoarsely were ever their warning crying;

"Adrienne, Adrienne,
Oh, when, oh, when
Will you wake and cease your dreaming?"