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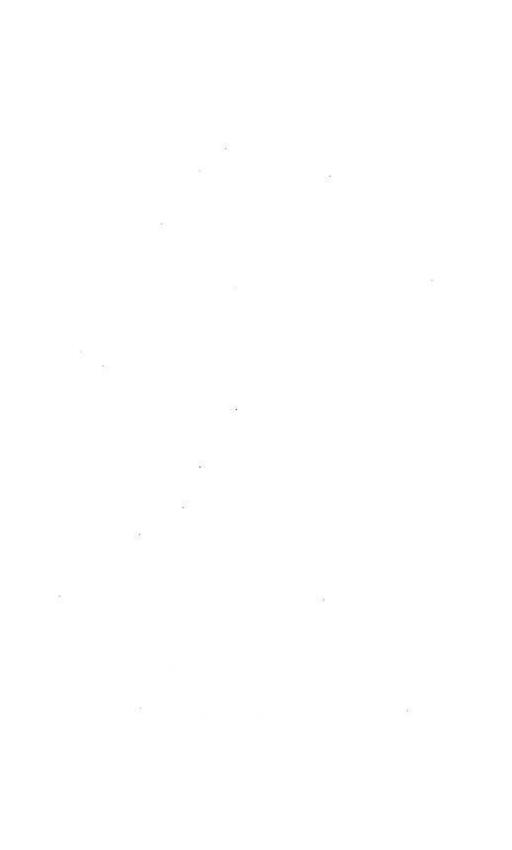
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#### THE OLD VIOLIN.

Though tuneless, stringless, it lies there in dust,
Like some great thought on a forgotten page;
The soul of music cannot fade or rust—
The voice within it stronger grows with age;
Its strings and bow are only trifling things—
A master-touch!—its sweet soul wakes and sings.

#### THEOCRITUS.

DAPHNIS is mute, and hidden nymphs complain,
And mourning mingles with their fountains' song;
Shepherds contend no more, as all day long
They watch their sheep on the wide, cyprus-plain;
The master-voice is silent, songs are vain;
Blithe Pan is dead, and tales of ancient wrong,
Done by the gods when gods and men were
strong,

Chanted to reeded pipes, no prize can gain:

O sweetest singer of the olden days,

In dusty books your idyls rare seem dead;

The gods are gone, but poets never die;

Though men may turn their ears to newer lays,

Sicilian nightingales enraptured

Caught all your songs, and nightly thrill the sky.