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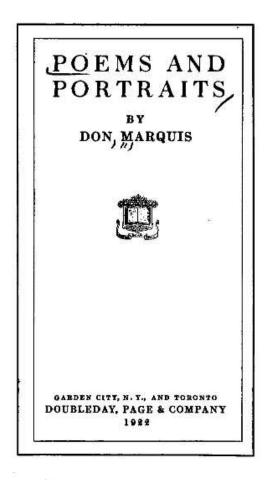
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# To the Memory of

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## THE LATE JOSEPH HITT

#### THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED

We used to say: "A posen's trick! For rhymes inscribed 'In Memory' Mess just the rhymester's vanity" And would your cyokow twitch at this, With your old winsome raillery?

You taught me how to think: to see, To fix the forms that to and fro Across the mind's proceenium go; You taught me how to write; its not Your fault I have not writen so.

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You taught me how to live; you showed Defeat a mien that never qualled; And with blithe lips that never paled You forsted Pain. O Bleart of Gold, "Tis not your fault if I have failed!

You taught me how to die; when Death Moved in between as, mute and grim, You smilled and made a friend of him . . . . God grant to me a smille like yours When the blurred day isseens and grows dial

And should this seems a stark parade Of such a bond as mine and thine, Forgive this boastful heart of mine That begas it to the crowd, because I love our names to intertwine.

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