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"Fame is the thirst of youth."

—*Byron.*

"Love's holy flame forever burneth;
From heaven it came, to heaven returneth."

—*Southey.*

"Tis hard to say, if greater want of skill
Appear in writing or in judging ill.

—*Pope.*

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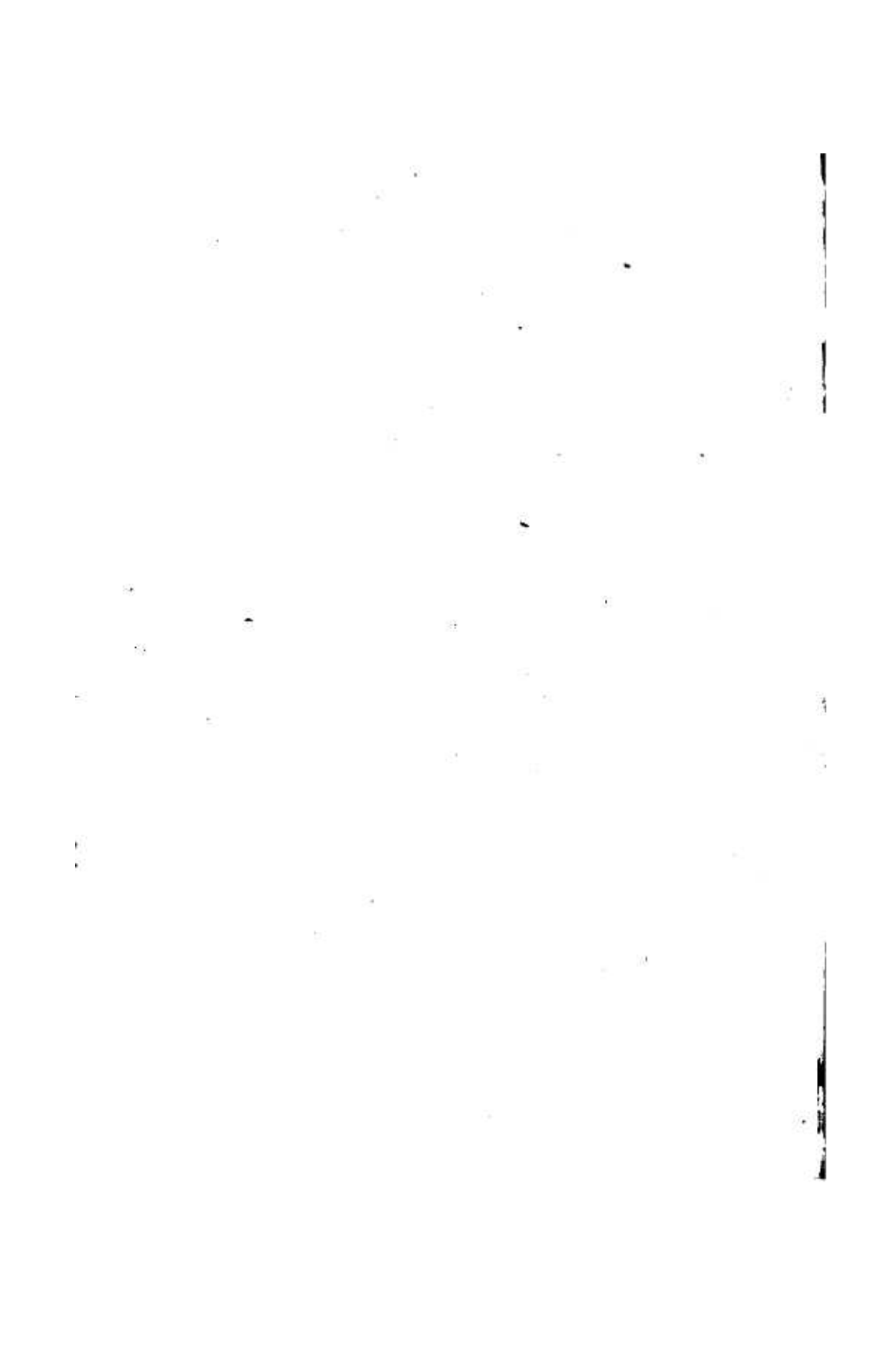
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TO
MY MOTHER,
THESE POEMS
ARE
AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED.



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PART I.

GIRLHOOD.

IRLHOOD, the dearest time of joy and love,
The sunny spring of gladness and of peace,
The time that joins its links with heaven above,
And all that's pure below; a running ease
Of careless thought beguiles the murmuring stream
Of girlish life, and as some sweet, vague dream,
The fleeting days go by; fair womanhood
Comes oft to lure the girlish feet away,
But by the brooklet still they love to stray,
Nor long to seek the world's engulfing flood.

HILDA—a name that seems to stand alone—
So strong, so clear its sharply echoing tone;
And yet a name that holds a weirdlike grace,
Withal like some strange, haunting, beauteous face;