

MY MOUNTAIN HOME.

The trees have grown so stout and tall
Around my dear old mountain home,
The Pine, the Oak, the Maple--all
That answer to the winds that roam,
About the ivied hall,

Among their shadows long ago
My youth, all passionate and wild,
Chased phantoms I have learned to know
Could only haunt a dreaming child
Unreconciled to woe.

With wonder through their branches high,
I looked on each mysterious star,
And thought, if I were then to die,
My soul would rise and soar afar
Untrammeled through the sky.