I CAN'T TELL.

How much do I love thee? Go ask the blue wave How many bright pebbles They constantly lave.

How much do I love thee? Go ask of a star How many such beauties In the universe are.

How much do I love thee ! Go ask of a shell How many sweet secrets If 'twould it could tell.

How much do I love thee? Go ask of the sun To tell when his wanderings Shall forever be done.

How much do I love thee? When wavelet and star And shell shall have whispered What their deep secrets are—

When all are revealing Their secrets to thee-Oh, then wilt thou know, love, How much do I love thee.

AUTUMN.

Along the line of smoky hills The crimson forest stands, And all the day the blue-jay calls Throughout the autumn lands.

Now by the brook the maple leans With all his glory spread, And all the sumachs on the hills Have turned their green to red.

Now by great marshes wrapt in mist Or past some river's mouth, Throughout the long, still autumn day Wild birds are flying south.

And mists come up at golden dawn From the still lake beneath, And fold their tents upon the hills Like the white camp of death.

Then steal away at even's hour Like hosts with banners furled, When the great purple sun hath set Along the murm'ring world.

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