

# WAR LYRICS AND BATTLE BALLADS.



**P**OETRY is the Music of Language. Coleridge defines prose as words in their best order—Poetry as the *best* words in their best order. Eminent scholars have differed in their definitions of the Heaven-born gift. To the prosaic mind of the great lexicographer of Lichfield, the very essence of Poetry was invention. Emerson, on the other hand, pronounced the finest poetry as first experience. Macaulay combined the two ideas in graceful phrase as truth conveyed to the understanding by means of imaginative associations. Longfellow termed music the universal language of