

SUMMER TWILIGHT.

Dim shadows steal, with noiseless tread,
In swift succession by,
As twilight, with her wings outspread,
Hovers 'twixt earth and sky.

The stately lily hangs her head
In dewy, sweet repose ;
The pansy, curled up in her bed,
Slumbers beside the rose.

The birds have sought their downy nest,
Secure on tree-tops high,
*While winds are rocking them to rest,
Chanting a lullaby.

Above, two stars peep shyly out
To view the young moon rise,
That, like a fairy, golden boat,
Anchored in heaven lies.

And in this still and solemn hour
All strife and tumult cease ;
For over earth, with mystic power,
Broodeth a hallowed peace.