Thou bloomest in thy beauty
Unto the surf's white edge;
Thy playmates, cool, green mosses,
The seaweed and the sedge;
The hoary, granite boulder,
The fallen forest king,
Are locked in thy embraces—
A frail imprisoning.

The saucy, wayward ripples
Come creeping to thy feet;
And far above, blue mountains
Stand guard o'er thy retreat.
Upon the bay's wide bosom
A thousand jewels glow,
And near the dim horizon
Gleam sails of purest snow.

Not in an English meadow,
Nor yet in English lane,
O sweet, wild rose, thy glories
Now charm my heart again!
Pink flake of waxen fragrance,
Thou art both gay and wise.
For thou, a child of Eden,
Hast found a paradise.

