

REMINISCENCE.

Dear faded flowers! Fount emblems of twin souls
That somewhere in a lost eternity
Drifted apart, until mortality
Reclaimed them! Ah, how like a dream unrolls
The past its memories! And how unseen goals
Of life and love are by strange destiny
Made plain, and all the deeper mystery
Of law reveals itself in living scrolls!

Awhile on you the sun his smiles bestowed,
And on your purple petals dew-gems glowed,
And you each passing wind some fragrance lent:
But ah! I know that when love came and blent
Your separate lives into a posie sweet,
You in each other were again complete.