MY DAY

Oh, the day was strangely dark, Dark and drear,

For a care was on your brow, And a fear;

And my heart to minor music wept so low, While my footsteps at my tasks were very slow.

Oh, the day was all agleam, For your eyes

Shone untroubled and as calm As summer skies,

And my heart was all alilt with gay old song, And my feet were swift and eager all day long.

WHEN I COME HOME

When I come home at twilight to a little friendly cottage,

Where the vines in clinging tenderness creep shyly everywhere,

It will be all sheened with moonlight where are white petunias dreaming, And its mystic light will tremble o'er the glory of

your hair.

You will hush me with your finger to the magic of the beauty,

And I'll thrill to stand and worship in the still and fragrant night;

But the day's anticipation, all the glory of its waiting, Will be mine, when with a sigh, you come with tender eves alight.

HER COMING

Like sunshine in the early spring, Like daffodils all laughing gay, She came with tender eyes and hands.

My comrade for a day.

We found where pussy-willows sleep;

We touched the fern's all-frosted spray; We played with little drifts of snow,

We went a gipsy way.

But ah, my golden girl was she

When night came down and we two dreamed, Beside an open fire's glow.

How wonderful it seemed

To touch her hair of gleaming gold, The blue of heaven in her eyes

To marvel o'er! And ah, her heart-To claim it-lover-wise!