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In the sloped shadow of my hat
I lean at rest, and drain the heat;
Nay more, I think some blessed power
Hath brought me wandering idly here:
In the full furnace of this hour
My thoughts grow keen and clear.

PIPPA'S SONG1

ROBERT BROWNING

The year's at the spring And day's at the morn; Morning's at seven; The hillside's dew-pearled; The lark's on the wing; The snail's on the thorn: God's in his heaven—All's right with the world!

a joyen apprime

THOMAS THE RHYMER

OLD BALLAD

True Thomas lay on Huntley bank;
A ferlie² spied he wi' his ee;
There he saw a lady bright
Come riding down by the Eildon Tree.

- 1. "Pippa, a young girl who works in a silk factory, during her one-day's annual holiday sings a number of little songs which influence for good the lives of certain people who hear them. (This song) is full of open-air delight in Nature and of the optimism which comes from it."
 - 2. Strange thing, marvel.