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THE FOREST TREES.*

Spread o'er the vast and lovely earth
There 'gives a band,
With firm feet planted in the soil,
The product of their ceaseless toil,
Their mother nature gives them birth
All o'er the land.

And noiseless, working as they grow
So tall and grand,
They silent watch the flowing tide
Of man's unrest, his sin and pride,
While rich blood through their hearts will flow
At God's command.

They clothe the plains, they crown the hills
From strand to strand,
In whispers low they breathe of life,
In wailing sobs they tell of strife,
By rivers broad and tiny rills
Look how they stand !

They regal rule where tropic heat
Glow on the sand,
Their singing leaves to soul a calm,
Their tinted greens to eyes a balm,
Mid winter's snow they crack and beat,
A hardy band.

With relics of a bygone race
Who once did stand,
Where generations toil and rest ;
In flinty rocks all firmly pressed
The shadowy footprint we trace
Of Mighty Hand.

ELLA WALTON.

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*Lines written on the occasion of the May excursion of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club to Chelsea.