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NE looks behind him to some vanished
time,

And says, 'Ah, I was happy then,
alack !

I did not know it was my life's best
prime:—

Oh, if I could go back !'

Another looks, with eager eyes aglow,
To some glad day of joy that yet will dawn,
And sighs, 'I shall be happy then, I know ;
Oh, let me hurry on !'

But I—I look out on my fair To-day ;
I clasp it close, and kiss its radiant brow.
Here with the perfect present let me stay,
For I am happy now !