

THE SONG OF WATER.

I come in the dew,
When o'er the starry blue,
The soft winds of evening creep,
I steal into the bowers,
Where the thousand summer flowers
Have folded their blooms in sleep.—
When the morning dawns
Along the sparkling lawns,
The rose wears a brighter sheen,
And the primroses pale,
And the lilies of the vale,
Bloom fresher where I have been.

I come in the rain,
To cheer the thirsty plain,
That pants for me sad and sore,
And my steps as they pass,
Waken up the drooping grass,
And the daisy smiles once more,
The leaves of the trees
Dance lighter in the breeze,
And their branches bourgeon green,
And the dark forest shades,
And the bosky tangled glades,
Grow gayer where I have been.

I come in the rill
That dances down the hill,
From the cavern deep and cool,
The timid deer and sheep,
That browse on crag and steep,
All drink in my crystal pool;
And the jaded steed,
In its hot thirsty need,
The kine on the swelt'ring lea,
The traveller on his way
Through the burning, dusty day,
Rejoice when they look on me.

I come in the stream,
Whose ripples flash and gleam,
Rolling onward to the sea,
And I come too in the tide,
When the vessels rock and ride,
And the waves are bounding free.
Wherever I go
In air or earth below,
My mission of love's the same;
I bear the seeds of wealth,
Of beauty and of health,
And water's my stainless name.

R. P. S.

A drunken Dutchman by the name of David, staggering through the streets one day, was asked if he was the man who slew Goliath. 'No,' said he, 'I ish de man what got slewed.'

If a man is given to liquor, let not liquor be given to him.

WHEN you hear of any one making a noise about himself, his merits, and his good qualities, remember that the poorest wheel of a wagon always creaks the loudest.

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