SNOWFLAKES AND SNOWDROPS.

A shower of snowflakes came hurrying one day Adown from an April sky ;

But only a moment on earth could they stay,

Alas ! for the sun on high

Shot out glances so fierce on these flakes where they lay That they trembled, and, melting in tears, slipped away.

A week glided by, when a wondrous sight Was given one morning to greet.

The ground lately bare was now covered all white

With blossoms most dainty and sweet, For the flakes that in tear-drops had vanished from sight

By the penitent sun were made snowdrops so bright.

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