## THE SONG OF THE VINE

But this I tell, for I know it well,

The vine that ye thought was dead, In the heart of her there is life astir,

Again she shall lift her head, Through weed, and briar, and bush The slender stem shall push, After the kindly sun The eager tendrils run, And purple clusters pour Their wine once more.

Then shall we who have longed to see The time of her coming forth, Raise the song of the glad and strong, As we march from the dreary north Back to the land we love With the heart of the homing dove, The land of lily and rose, Of cedar, and mountain snows, Of rivers and water-springs, And all good things.

Here he pauses, eager voices crying, "It is well. Now stop. Sing not the last one." But impatiently he frowns, and sings the louder.

Halévy spoke, in the vision that broke On my sleep that Sabbath night,
"The nations too, shall join with the Jew, And come unto Heart's Delight.
Its walls shall be built again, And after the latter rain The flowers shall spring once more, And the oak and sycamore.
Its gates shall be opened wide As of old, on every side, 189