

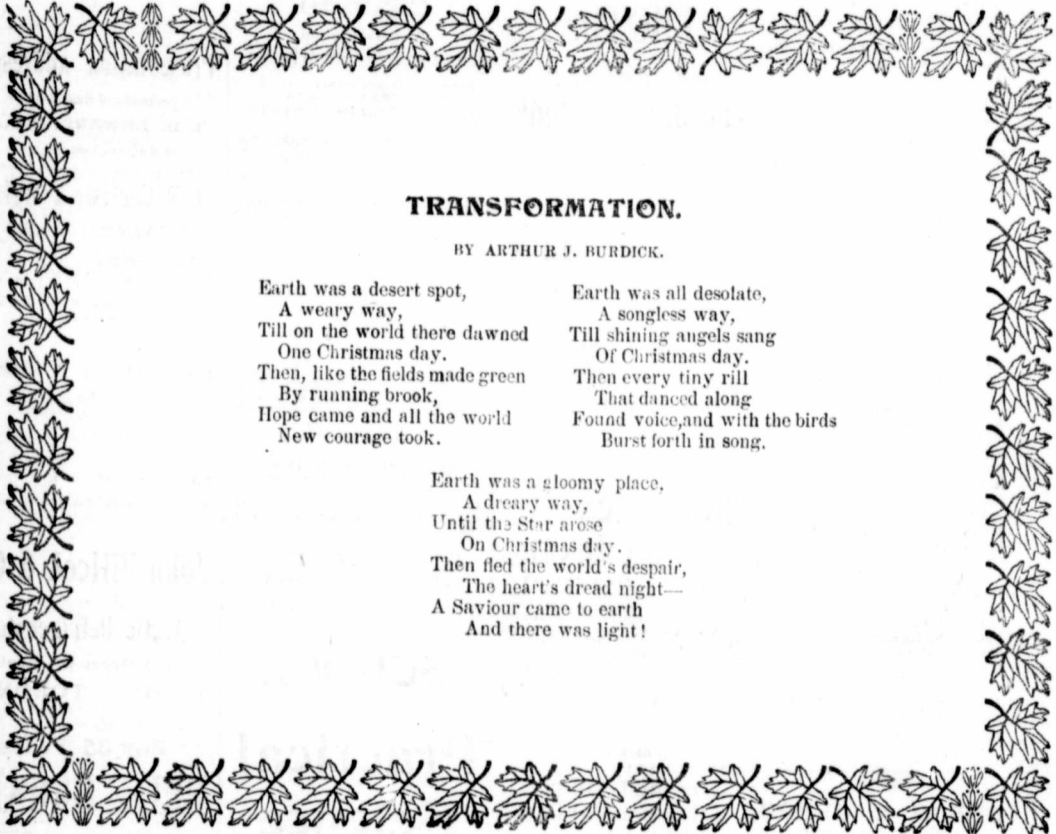
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A weary way,  
Till on the world there dawned  
One Christmas day.  
Then, like the fields made green  
By running brook,  
Hope came and all the world  
New courage took.

Earth was all desolate,  
A songless way,  
Till shining angels sang  
Of Christmas day.  
Then every tiny rill  
That danced along  
Found voice, and with the birds  
Burst forth in song.

Earth was a gloomy place,  
A dreary way,  
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On Christmas day.  
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