AVE!

Shaping my soul with its impetuous stress.

When in its gaping channel deep withdrawn Its waves ran crying of the wilderness

And winds and stars and dawn, How I companioned them in speed sublime, Led out a vagrant on the hills of Time !

VII

And when the orange flood came roaring in

From Fundy's tumbling troughs and tide-worn caves, While red Minudie's flats were drowned with din

And rough Chignecto's front oppugned the waves, How blithely with the refluent foam I raced

Inland along the radiant chasm, exploring The green solemnity with boisterous haste;

My pulse of joy outpouring To visit all the creeks that twist and shine From Beauséjour to utmost Tormentine.

VIII

And after, when the tide was full, and stilled

A little while the seething and the hiss, And every tributary channel filled

To the brim with rosy streams that swelled to kiss

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