

# THE SPANISH GYPSY.

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This Work was originally written in the winter of 1864-65; after a visit to Spain in 1867 it was rewritten and amplified. The reader conversant with Spanish poetry will see that in two of the Lyrics an attempt has been made to imitate the trochaic measure and assonance of the Spanish Ballad.

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## BOOK I.

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'Tis the warm South, where Europe spreads her lands  
Like fretted leaflets, breathing on the deep:  
Broad-breasted Spain, leaning with equal love  
On the Mid Sea that moans with memories,  
And on the untravelled Ocean's restless tides.  
This river, shadowed by the battlements  
And gleaming silvery toward the northern sky,  
Feeds the famed stream that waters Andalus  
And loiters, amorous of the fragrant air,  
By Córdoba and Seville to the bay  
Fronting Algarva and the wandering flood  
Of Guadiana. This deep mountain gorge  
Slopes widening on the olive-pluméd plains  
Of fair Granáda: one far-stretching arm  
Points to Elvira, one to eastward heights  
Of Alpujarras where the new-bathed Day  
With oriflamme uplifted o'er the peaks  
Saddens the breasts of northward-looking snows  
That loved the night, and soared with soaring stars;  
Flashing the signals of his nearing swiftness