

A ROMANCE OF THE WEST

So off they rode at break of dawn
With Brandt as guide, and in command,
All being now as fresh as morn
The journey did all haste demand ;
Riding as only Indians can
Their journey soon came to an end,
And children playing—frightened ran,
They did not know Brandt was their friend.

Tecumseh was the first to greet
Them, and was glad his friend to see
But thought it strange and indiscreet
That he had brought companions three.
But Brandt the reason soon explained,
Which caused surprise throughout the land
For truly—joy and friendship reigned
Amid that brave and warlike band.