AN EXILE'S SONG

At twilight, when the air grows chill, And cold and leaden is the sea, My tears like bitter dews distil, Away from home, away from thee.

I could not live, did I not knowThat thou art ever true to me,I could not bear a doubtful woe,Away from home, away from thee.

I could not live, did I not hear A voice that sings the day to be, When hitherward a ship shall steer, To bear me back to home and thee.

Oh, when at last that day shall break In sunshine on the dancing sea, It will be brighter for the sake Of my return to home and thee !

150