

" The azure gleam and the golden croon
And the grass with the flaky roses strewn.

" There you would lie and lean above me,
The more you lingered the more to love me,

" Till I became, as the year grew old,
Thy fairest day-dream's fashion and mould,

" Deep in the water twilight there,
Smiling, elusive, wonderful, fair,

" The beautiful visage of thy clear soul
Set in eternity's limpid shoal,

" Thy spirit's countenance, the trace
Of dawning God in the human face.

" And when yellow leaves came down
Through the silent mornings one by one

" To the frosty meadow, as they fell
Thy pondering heart said, ' All is well ;

" ' Aye, all is best, for I stake my life
Beyond the boundaries of strife,'