Where I found my baby darlings? While they, seeking, tarry here,

I would never in the Yonder fain forget the human tear;

Rather take with me the glister of a dewdrop, dustbedimmed,

Set the rue-gem like the gimmer of a love-light sorrow-rimmed.

And I crave—in garland shafting—splendor minglings of the dawn,

Veilings of the evening portal by the shifting purples drawn,

And the far, wide, mystic fusings where the ocean meets the sky,

And the awe of all the outline as the ship-lamps dwindle by.

Give me too a garden-glamor—let September through it gleam—

Let the twilight coruscate it with the quiver of a dream;

Now a silence of the forest; now the swirl of tufted rills;

And a music of the breezes message-laden from the hills:

Gather fairest ingle-blendings—intertwine a hallowed calm—

Yield me yet one olden quaver tangled in a waft of psalm;

Find sweet promise of the orchard when the birds are full of bliss—

Grace it with the children's laughter, bloom it with a bridal kiss;

Sheave a gorgeous harvest radiance with a glory from the west;

Then the sombre of night's quiet drooping o'er the sleepers' rest.

Seek a moonhaze of the darkness—shadowy-merge in reverled hue—

Dim, like some beslumbered whisper with its secret shimmering through.