

PERHAPS?

(From the French of Gustave Nadaud.)

To horse! To horse! I mount with speed,
For we must travel far, my steed,
To find repose:
Thy master's brain is crazed with care,
And we must gallop apace, but where?
Who knows?

Oh! how that golden-haired coquette
Dreamed she had caught me in the net
Of her disdain!
The Siren is so fair, so cold,
That the same kingly cannot hold
Us twain.

Around her castle-walls each day,
My steed and I with spirits gay
Were wont to roam:
Yon path, familiar grown to each,
We now must shun, or we should reach
Her home.

Those faithless gods to which I bowed,
Her charms that lured me made her
proud,
Her hair, her eye:
Blue as the cloudless heave above,
Her lips, that seemed to breathe of love
In sighs.

At length, my heart hath bled, 'tis chain,
And, as my freedom I regain,
I curse her pride,
And to my lips, that day by day

Murmured "I love thee," now I say,
"Ye lied."

Shame on the wayward, heartless elf,
Who will not tenderly herself
My passion share,
But jealously refuses still
To let me wander at my will
Elsewhere!

On, on my steed! 'tis just the hour,
That, in the gloaming, to her bower
Her slave would bring:
Now from the hateful sport I fly,
And with no tear-drop in my eye,
I sing.

But what is here? The velvet lawn,
Her home, amid the shade withdrawn—
It must be so—
O thoughtless man! O heedless brute!
That failed to recognize which route
To go!

Turn back! but no—stand still! for she
Is smiling at the casement—see
Her finger-tips!
'Twere churlish not to say "Good-bye!"
When daylight dawns, my steed and I
Afar from Cécile's bower will fly.

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