



- 2. The lily that dwelt by the water, Was breathing a song in the n.orn, A whisper of Heaven it taught her, When first her young beauty was born. Sweet Madonna! low drooping, in her whiteness, Unsullied by shadow or storm, She fain would seek thy brightness, Her fairness to adorn.
- 3. The blossoms will glow for an lour,
  In sunshine the birdling may sing,
  But fades the pale bud a the shower,
  In winter the warbler takes wing.
  Sweet Madonna! remember, when the snow-drifts
  Blow cold as the winter they bring,
  Our hearts know not December,
  For love is always Spring.

