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BY CHARLOTTE BAIN.

HUSH ! let no wandering wind
Invalidate the silence of our wayside bower !
No cruel chance unkind
Cloud the blue heaven of a happy hour !

Grant us Thy peace, Lord, now,
With brooding bird and crooning honeybee,
Under the blissful bough
Where blossom blushes on the apple tree !

Solace our world-worn eyes
With those quaint toys of Thine that please
us best,
Our childhood's grand surprise,
The old soft wonder of the new-built nest.

Through the dim budding woods
Alight with primroses, lead Thou the way,
Show us Thy downy broods
Around the hen—Thy silly lambs at play !

Bid Hope's glad anthem float
Thro' the dim chambers of the harassed
brain,
Sweeter than thrush's note
In leafy covert after summer rain.

Let joy peep shyly in,
Fresh from the meadows, dewy-footed,
fair,
A flower-crowned fairykin
With buttercups as yellow as her hair !

Soft ! how the moments pass
In this sweet nook as we sit dreaming on !
The dew is off the grass,
But we have caught it—now we must be
gone.

So, shouldering our load,
Cheered by a draught from Thy perennial
spring,
Thy pilgrims take the road—
The long white road—and, as we travel,
sing !

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