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The Wanderers.

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"As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place."—Proverbs 27. 8.

What is the call the wild birds hear,
Too subtle for our ken?
What hall comes to the fallow deer
From distant brake or glen?
Is it the same that soft and clear
Goes out to wandering men?

What is the call that minds the bird
Of its long vacant nest?
Is it upon the echoes blurred
By vagrant breeze caressed,
Just as the sighing, voiceless word
Which tells men "Home is best?"

What puts the music in the call
Which comes to them afar—
By mountain side or city wall,
'Neath pine or deodar—
The music that bids one and all
Turn where the home things are?

None knows the mystic call which comes
To man and bird and beast,
As wakening as throbbing drums
When warfare long has ceased—
Insistently it sings and thrums
To great ones and the least.

It may be but a rustling tree
Which sings it with its leaves;
It may be that the sighing sea
The summons softly weaves;
But what and howsoever it be
The call each one receives.

It is the melody divine—
The music of the spheres,
That, clear in cadence, faint and fine,
Comes sweetly to our ears—
A song of infinite design
Through God's unnumbered years.