

THE INNER LIGHT.

Midway this mortal life, across my path,
Which lay through tangled wood and gloomy shade,
A ray of light stole softly unawares ;
And as I struggled on it hovered near,
Beguiling me with hope that cheered my heart
And gave me peace beyond the meed of earth.

Methought it strange that it should seek in me
Companionship ! Wherefore, I searched my soul
For reason, and there found a light within
That flashed and thrilled me with a wondrous truth.

SUNSET DREAM.

So calm the scene and sweet the rest,
So soft the shadows gleam,
The earth and sky upon the breast
Of silent waters dream.