

arms and looking down at her head hidden on his breast.

"When your arm nestled confidingly within mine, I felt the power for protection steal sweetly over my being, and I longed to fold you in my arms."

Elsie quivered as a sigh escaped from her.

"When your voice spoke to me in tender tones, and I thought you were learning to love me, the cry rang through my heart strings and sounded a chord of melody that flew to my thoughts and gave me delightful confusion."

Elsie's face was upturned. She was gazing into his eyes, and her ears were drinking in his loving words.

"When your warm breath fell on my cheek, as you tried to make me hear you speak at the waterfall, the spring-time of love was in my veins, and a fountain of radiant bliss played over my heart."

Elsie's arms crept around his neck and her fingers fastened in a love knot.

"When I thought of you leaving me forever, my anguish deadened my heart, the cry bounded to my lips and escapes now to tell you that I love you with all the passion of a chaste mind, with all the power of my manhood, with all the wealth of my affection."

As he ceased speaking he bent his head and kissed the lips of the lovely woman who he knew had given him her heart when she drooped her head at his first words.

For awhile they remained locked in each other's arms, their hearts feasting in communion on the love