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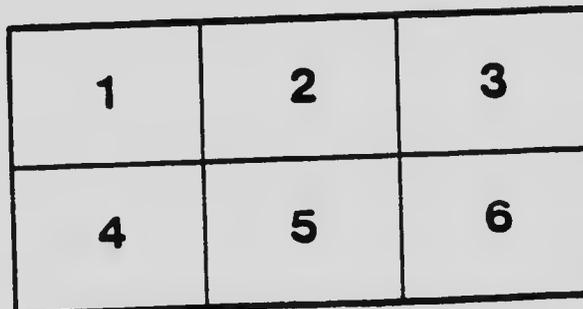
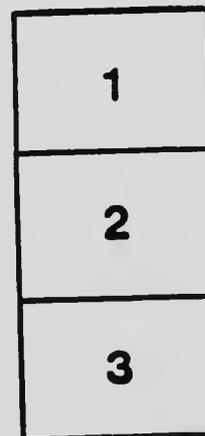
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*"Mountains Single"*

**T**HERE are mountains all the way,—  
Through the night,—the live-long  
day.

Mountains dark and some are grey.

Mountains cover all the land.

Spring narrow silver band

Where the sparkling waters glide.

Fed by glacier's rushing tide

Filling prairie rivers wide.



*"Mountains Married"*

**M**OUNTAINS young as well as old,  
Mountains modest, mountains  
bold.

Mountains small and mountains tall;  
Mountains bound by Nature-wall.

Mountains rounded as by hand;  
Mountains pointed nought could  
stand.

Mounts like castles, stately things!  
Mountains circled round with rings.



*Lake Tahoe from the Forest*

**M**OUNTS explained by Science  
hand;

Mounts that none can understand.

Mounts that footsteps all defied,—

Mounts with steps to climb up side.

Mounts with tops seen half the way:

At early morn or break of day.

Circled round by clouds of grey,—

Frilled so Art-like,—lace so fine;

Nature, shewing Art divine!



*"Fed by glacier - rushing tide"*

C OLOURED mountains: dazzling  
white,

Greens and browns slide into sight:

Mountains purple; mountains marbled;

Mountains bare where bird scarce  
warbled.

Mountains shaded; mountains sunny;

Mounds distorted, oh, so funny!

Mountains saw-backed, — sharp and  
keen,

Cracked and split the half between.



*"Mountain's Gate"*

**M**OUNTAINS craggy, straggy, pin-  
naele-pointed,—

Wanting unity, all disjointed,  
Where the wild goat's tiny feet,

Agile bounds as hound on street.

Pass we now some mounts that weep:

Smallest waters, strata's seep.

Now a cataract's in view,—

First all one, bared rock makes two  
Scurrying down the dizzy side

Serving lake where trout doth glide.



*"Voices of a cataract in view"*

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O THOSE mountains! rent asunder  
By electric storm and thunder,  
Or by quake of fearful sound,  
Far below the surface ground.  
Mountains big! it makes one wonder:  
Must be mountains Atlas under!  
Mounts above and mounts below;  
Mounts tree-covered, mounts of snow.

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*"Mountains grey"*

**M**OUNTAINS lime and mountains  
sand,

Mounts with copper-covered band.

Mountains proud and mountains  
humble;

Mounts all order, some all jumble.

Mountains smooth and mountains  
rough;

Surely mounts to suit all tastes  
enough!

Mountains married, mountains single;

Mounts with families intermingle.



*"Mountain craggy"*

AS you speed on in the train:  
Gazing out with might and main:  
Nature's gen'rous, bounteous hand,  
Spreading, aye, strewing glories  
grand,—  
Man,—of wisdom so confined,—  
Man,—with vacant space of mind,  
Here may come and 'twixt these Passes  
Sight expand through Nature-glasses.



*1900. Mountain, Oregon, U.S.A.*

**G**AIN what ne'er he reached before:  
Massive grandeur, such a store!  
Formed for him vast ages o'er:  
Lead and copper, metals fine,  
Simous veins earth's king to mine:  
Iron, tin, magnesium, gold,  
Molybdenum, silver, mica's fold.



*"Mountains dark"*

**R**OCKY Mountains! God's Own  
Plan,"—

Conserves snow for beast and man  
Till the sun's hot, melting ray  
Chases streams that pass away,  
Down the valleys, prairies through,  
Giving life and strength anew.

**M**EN on prairies nor their beast  
On the Rockies sight mayn't  
feast,

Yet **THEIR** share is not the least:

For the Rockies induce guessing:—  
**MAKE LIFE'S AIM A MOUNTAIN  
BLESSING!**





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