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Dear Mr. Scott:

The little maiden,
hereinafter named, comes to wish you
a very Merry Christmas.

Thank you so much for your late
letter and friendly words. It was delight-
ful to see you and Lampman making off
with the honors of the Christmas "Scribes"
in that way! I find there is a haunting
effect in the simplicity of

"Come home they cry, "Come home come home!"

And leave the marches to the sea.

With best wishes always

Very Sincerely

Bliss Carman

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Marian Drurie.

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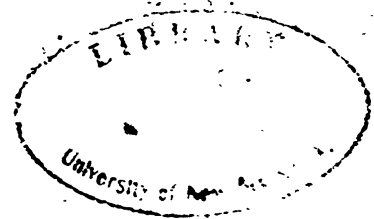
Marian Drurie, Marian Drurie,
How are the marshes full of the sea!
Acadie dreams of your coming home
All year through, and her heart gets free.—

Free on the trail of the wind to travel,
Search and course with the roving tide.
All year long where his hands unravel
Blossom and berry the marshes hide.

Marian Drurie, Marian Drurie,
How are the marshes full of the surge
April over the Norland now
Walks in the quiet from verge to verge.

Burying, brimming, the building billows
Fret the long dikes with uneasy foam.
Drenched with old weather, the idling willows
Kiss you a hand from the Norland home.

Marian Drurie, Marian Drurie,
How are the marshes full of the sun!
Blomidon waits for your coming home,
All day long where the white winds run.



All Spring through they falter and follow,
Wander and beckon the roving tide,
Wheel and float with the veering swallow,
Lift you a voice from the blue hillside.

Marian Drurie, Marian Drurie,
How are the marshes full of the rain!
April over the Norland now
Bugles for rapture, and rouses pain:—

Halts to ken the forsaken dwelling,
Where in the twilight, too spent to roam,
Love, the child warder whom death is quelling,
Cries you a cheer from the Norland home.

Marian Drurie, Marian Drurie,
How are the marshes filled with you!
Grand Pré dreams of your coming home.—
Dreams, while the rainbirds all night through.

Far in the cedars calling to win you,
Tease the brown dusk on the marshes wide;
And never the burning heart within you
Stirs in your sleep by the roving tide.

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