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AT THE PASTUKE BARS.

| Little maid at the pasture bars, <br> Waiting to see the new moon shine, <br> And high in God's heaven the faithful stars <br> That keep their tryst with that heart of thine. Dreaming-as maids have dreamed beforeOf a wonderful city far away. Where fortune waits with her golden store And fame shall crown thiee some day, sone da. |  |
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| Thine the round of the daily task, <br> Dull in the doing if off may be; But souls in thy ciry of dreams would ask <br> No better fortune than falls to thee. Health, and plenty, and home, and cheer, Blossoms of April and hearth fire's plow. These mark the path of thy peaceful year, As the sun-lit seasons come and go. |  |
| Litule maid, in thatcity wide, <br> Thou would'st miss the blessings that throng thee here <br> The vine-hung church by the river's side, <br> The home of thy child's heart, old and dear. <br> Tender clasp of a loyal hand, <br> Song of bird, and of homing bees, <br> Hearts that love thee and undersund, <br> Life holds nothing tlat coums with these |  |
| Thy city of dreams is a lonesome place, <br> And Fame but a worthless thing, men say; And what were the good of silks and lace <br> If the heari bencath them ached alway? <br> Little maid, let the vision pass, <br> There wais for thy journeying path more fair And hark' I hear in the springing grass <br> The feer that shail waik. beside thee?there. <br> For he comes-Love comes with the moonbeams brigh, <br> And his arm is strong and his soul is true. <br> And in his eyes is the steadfast light <br> Of the stars that smile from their deptis of blue. <br> "Heart of my heart, turn not away: <br> I'll guard thee from all that pains or mars, And in Love's own path we'll walk for aye: <br> Dear little maid at the pasture bars." |  |
| WHEN THE GHILDREN COTO BED. |  |
| When the children go to bed at night, it somehow seems to me As if heav'n came down to bless with is tender ministry. The litte ones are weary, and their eyelids fain would close. Like the petals pink and perfect of some rare and fragrant rose. |  |
| Clad in garments white and spotless, down they fall by mother's knee. Making thus a scene so holy only angel eyes should see. There is something in the vision of each bending little head That fills my soul with rapture when the children go to bed |  |
| When the children go to bed at night, the air within the room Seems redolent of the perfume of rich fields of clover bloom, And it seems no stretch of fancy to say my inner eyes Can see about me growing the sweet flowers of Paradise. |  |
| And I bend to kiss their lips, as pure as morning dew, <br> I feel a joy within my soul that thrills me through and through; <br> And more and more it comes to me that I am being led <br> By the prayers the children offer as each night they go to bed. |  |
| When the children go to bed at night, at once across the years My thoughts fly back to childhood, and my eyes are dim with tears: I recall when I was stainless as my little ones are now, For sin had never left a single imprint on my brow. |  |
| And I'm longing, ever longing, to be as good once more As in the golden morning of the fragrant years of yore. So day by day I'm praising Him whose home is overhead For what my children teach me as each night they go to bed |  |
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