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TO A SWEET SINGER.

Some storm-wearied bird that seeks the shore Beside the current of a far'ring winl, So does my soul upon the music soar...

The Haunted Ship.

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had heard so many times from the Norway's maintop.

A minute later, the professor, having finished his part, came forward to the front of the stage; and, in spite of his flowing beard and other disguises, I recognized one whom I had supposed to be dead five years before.

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