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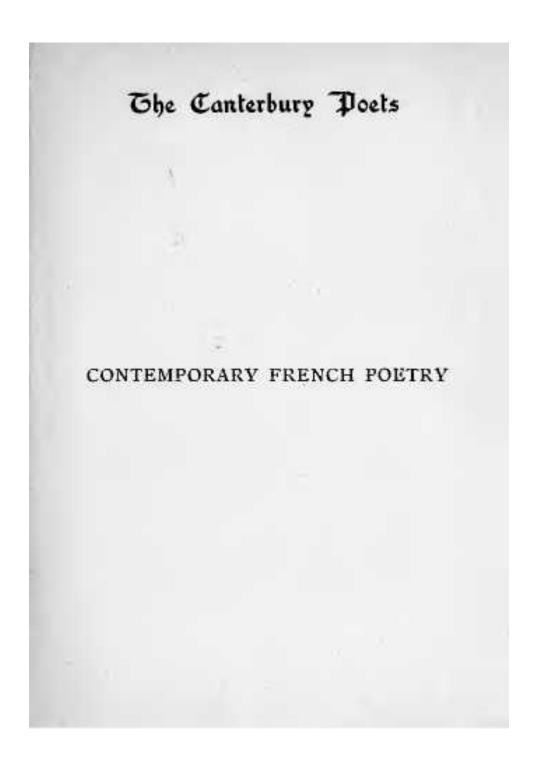
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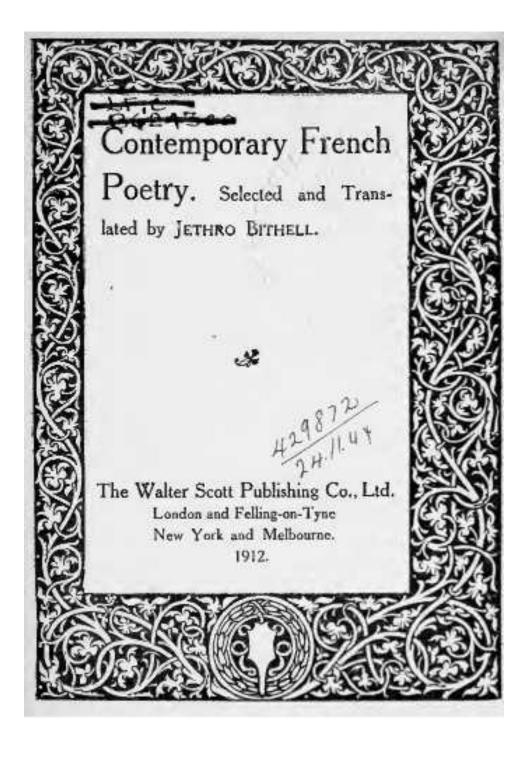
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#### To

### Benri de Régnier.

". . . ceux qui marchent vers la Nuit."-H. de R.

You who interpret Time by symbols rare, By hushed lone seas and forests shadow-bound, By all the sighings of the soul of sound, And omens of the soft meandering air-

To unfrequented coasts of Thought you fare,

And in a land of sadness you have found

Nature, a nymph who never would be gowned, And Beauty, who is also proudly bare.

Your pain has sung itself into my breast, And, hearing you, I know that tears are best, But tenderness will still them when they throng :

So, o'er a realm whose frontiers never end, To lure the sad to solace, let me send Your shadow on a film of ravished song.

-J. B.

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