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*To you I sing, whom towns immure,
And bonds of toil hold fast and sure;—
To you across whose aching sight
Come woodlands bathed in April light,
And dreams of pastime premature.*

*And you, O Sad, who still endure
Some wound that only Time can cure,—
To you, in watches of the night,—
To you I sing!*

*But most to you with eyelids pure,
Scarcely willing yet of love or lure;—
To you, with bird-like glances bright,
Half-paused to speak, half-foised in flight;—
O English Girl, divine, demure,
To you I sing!*

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