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970.

The Cornish Fathers.

THEY HAD THEIR LODGES IN THE WILDERNESS,
OR BUILT THEM CELLS BESIDE THE SHADOWY SEA,
AND THERE THEY DWELT WITH ANGELS, LIKE A DREAM!
SO THEY UNCLOSED THE VOLUME OF THE BOOK,
AND FILLED THE FIELDS OF THE EVANGELIST
WITH THOUGHTS AS SWEET AS FLOWERS!

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GENOVEVA.

PART THE FIRST.

Morning.

I.

Now hearken, lords and ladies gay,
And ye shall understand,
The wonders of a legend-lay
From the old German land !
She, of my song, in Eden's bowers
A sainted lady lies,
And wears a chaplet of the flowers
That grow in Paradise !

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II.

Her father gloried in her birth,
That daughter of his fame,
The sweetest sound he knew on earth,
Was Geneveva's name !
She dwelt, a fair and holy child,
Beside her mother's knee,
She grew, a maiden meek and mild,
And pure as pure could be !

III.

And so it was, that when the maid,
Fulfilled her childhood's vow,
Saint Hildorf's lifted hands were laid,
Upon no lovelier brow !
And said they, as along the aisle,
The knights and ladies pour'd,
How will she gladden with her smile
The castle of her lord !

IV.

Right soon a stately champion came,
For that bright damsel's hand,
The sound of County Siegfried's fame,
Was sung in many a land !
He came, he knelt, he woo'd, he won,
As warriors win the bride,
Duke Pfalz hath hail'd him as his son,
At Geneveva's side.