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HEARD in the throbbings and thunders of hammers,  
The roaring of engines, and shrieking of steam,  
Shaped 'mid the echoes of iron-toned clamours  
Rising from battles where Toil is supreme ;  
Gathered together in moments of leisure,  
Clothed in the language which Nature imparts,  
Rugged in rhythm and homely in measure,—  
Simply an offering whose strain is the heart's.

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I DEDICATE  
THIS VOLUME OF POEMS AND SONGS  
(THE LEAVE OF MY LEISURE)  
TO  
WALTER BEATTIE, Esq.,  
AS A MARK OF ESTEEM FOR ONE WHO IS  
IN ALL THINGS HONOURABLE  
AND WORTHY.

ERRATA.

Page 147, line 1—for "The " read "Thy."

Page 184, line 17—for "wildy" read "wildly."



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