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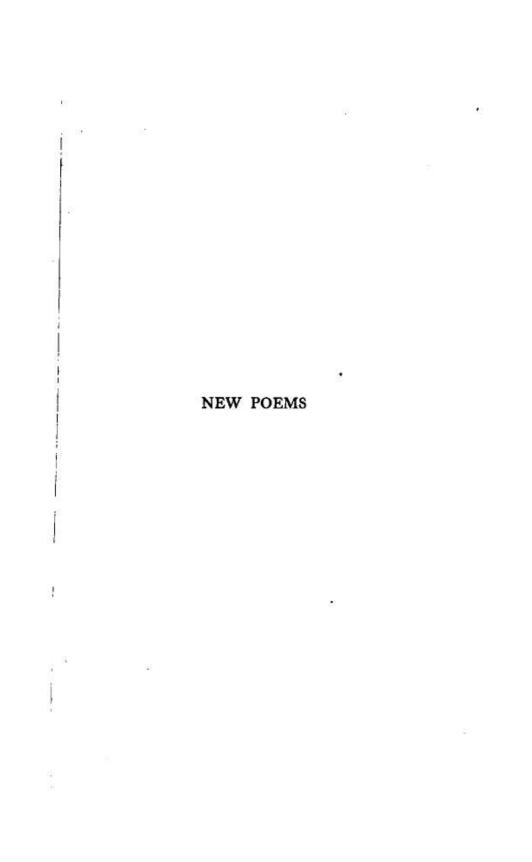
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TO ONE WHO SUFFERED MUCH AND NOW IS AT REST

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#### PREFACE

I do not know whether any explanation is needed of the appearance of these few verses first in America.

Those of us in England who have crossed and recrossed that vast waste of water, and have come to count among our friends so many thus poignantly separated from us, feel strangely and intimately the essential community that lies below so much superficial difference.

It may divert a youthful and irreverent press to play fantastic tricks before high heaven with the spelling of our august and glorious speech, but the consecrated phrases that well up from the beating heart of our race telling of freedom, honour, love, mercy, and peace appeal instantly to something common to us all.

When I was last in Pennsylvania it pleased Mr. Luther A. Brewer, the President of The Torch Press, to pay me the graceful compliment of printing in a lovely type, set in a perfect page, a lecture on poetry which I had the pleasure of delivering at Haverford College; the beauty of the handiwork of The Torch Press having thus suddenly to me been revealed, there can be no ground for surprise that when I received

an offer from Mr. Brewer to publish my forthcoming new volume of verse, I accepted it with proper appreciation.

What I have written may be of no value, but I have been permitted by The Torch Press to present it to the world in faultless attire.

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