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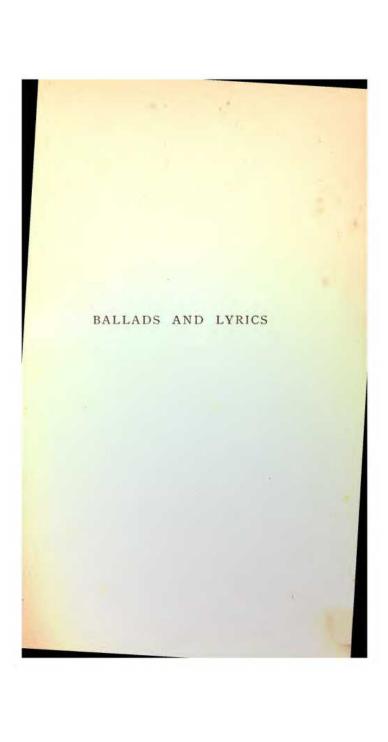
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Have little care that life is brief, And less that art is long; Success is in the silences Though fame is in the song.

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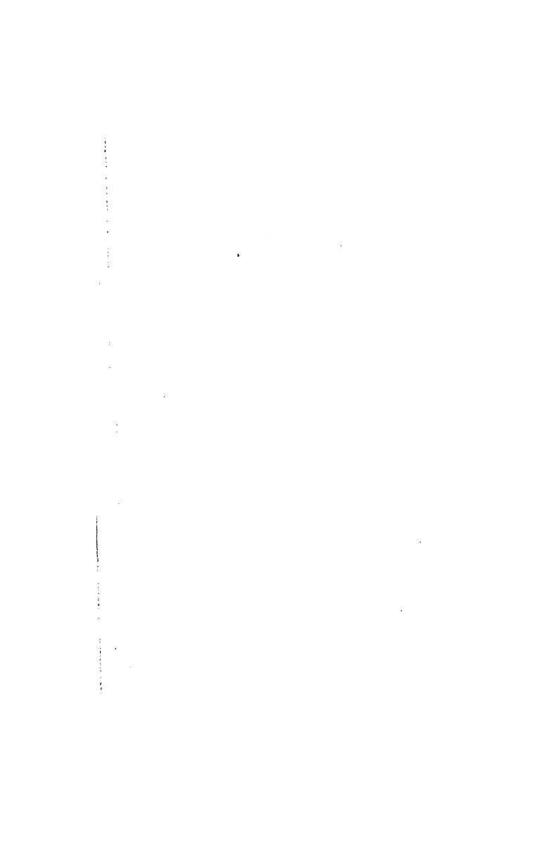
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The Nancy's Pride

On the long slow heave of a lazy sea, To the flap of an idle sail, The Nancy's Pride went out on the tide; And the skipper stood by the rail.

All down, all down by the sleepy town, With the hollyhocks a-row In the little poppy gardens, The sea had her in tow.

They let her slip by the breathing rip, Where the bell is never still, And over the sounding harbour bar, And under the harbour hill.

She melted into the dreaming noon, Out of the drowsy land, In sight of a flag of goldy hair, To the kiss of a girlish hand.

For the lass who hailed the lad who sailed, Was—who but his April bride? And of all the fleet of Grand Latite, Her pride was the Nancy's Pride.

So the little vessel faded down With her creaking boom a-swing, Till a wind from the deep came up with a creep, And caught her wing and wing.