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TO
ALGERNON BLACKWOOD

You have no need of aught that I can bring
Culled from red Autumn or tumultuous Spring ;
How should you heed my wild flowers, being free
Of all Pan's garden and its mystery ?

Yet born of that same soil these blossoms grew,
Fostered by rain and sunshine, wind and dew.
You hold the garden's key—is it not meet
They should be laid in homage at your feet ?

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Our Lady of the Wood

SOFTLY through the little wood
Came the Queen of Heaven,
Paused, and stood.
Bluebells, deep as mists of even,
Like the shadow dim and sweet
Of the robes around her feet,
Fragrant, fair,
Soon were growing, blowing there.

Mary thought of Christ the child,
Playing at her knees,
Dear and mild—
Mother-thoughts amid the trees,
Wood-anemones all white
Where the thoughts fell sprang to light,
Pure and pale,
Tender, sacred, starlike, frail.

Primroses of happy gold
Smiled up from the grass:
"Us behold,
Mother Mary, as you pass!
Auricle about His head,
Your bright hair above Him spread—
Stoop and see:
We are golden also, we."