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[This selection is based upon one published at New York in 1830. With a few exceptions, the pieces are chosen from *Vignettes in Rhyme*, 1873, and *Proverbs in Porcelain*, 1877. Both volumes are out of print.]

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*Apollinea belium puerile pharetra*

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*To you I sing, whom toms immerse,  
And bonds of toil hold fast and sure;—  
To you across whose aching sight  
Come woodlands bathed in April light,  
And dreams of pastime premature.*

*And you, O Sad, who still endure  
Some wound that only Time can cure,—  
To you, in watches of the night,—  
To you I sing!*

*But most to you with eyelids pure,  
Scarce willing yet of love or lure;—  
To you, with bird-like glances bright,  
Half-paused to speak, half-poised in flight;—  
O English Girl, divine, demure,  
To you I sing!*



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