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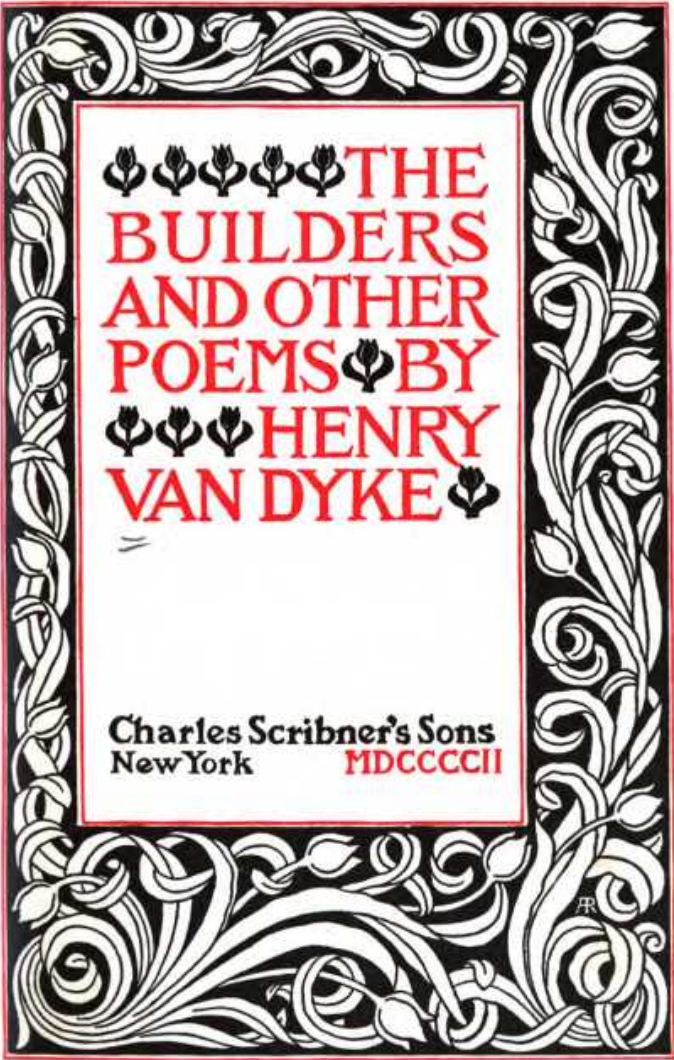
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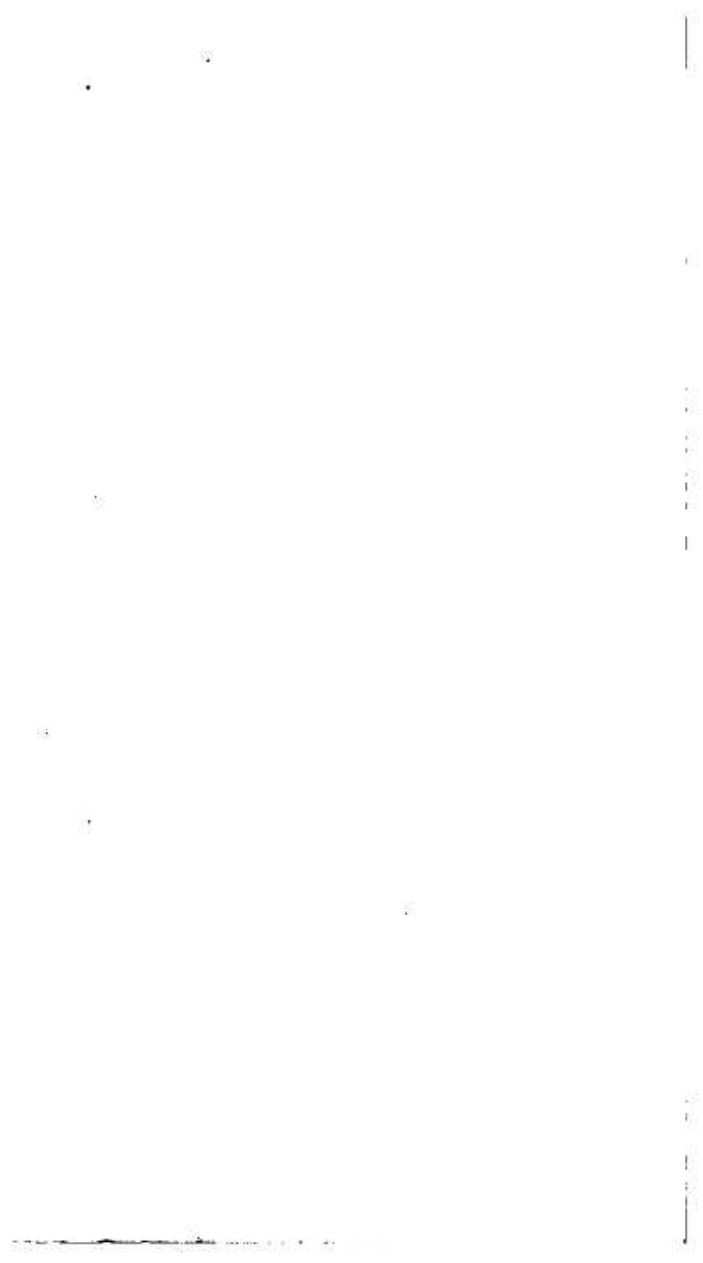
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SONGS OUT OF DOORS



WINGS OF A DOVE

I

AT sunset, when the rosy light was dying
Far down the pathway of the west,
I saw a lonely dove in silence flying,
To be at rest.

Pilgrim of air, I cried, could I but borrow
Thy wandering wings, thy freedom blest,
I'd fly away from every careful sorrow,
And find my rest.

II

But when the dusk a filmy veil was weaving,
Back came the dove to seek her nest
Deep in the forest where her mate was griev-
ing,—
There was true rest.

Peace, heart of mine ! no longer sigh to wander ;
Lose not thy life in fruitless quest.
There are no happy islands over yonder ;
Come home and rest.