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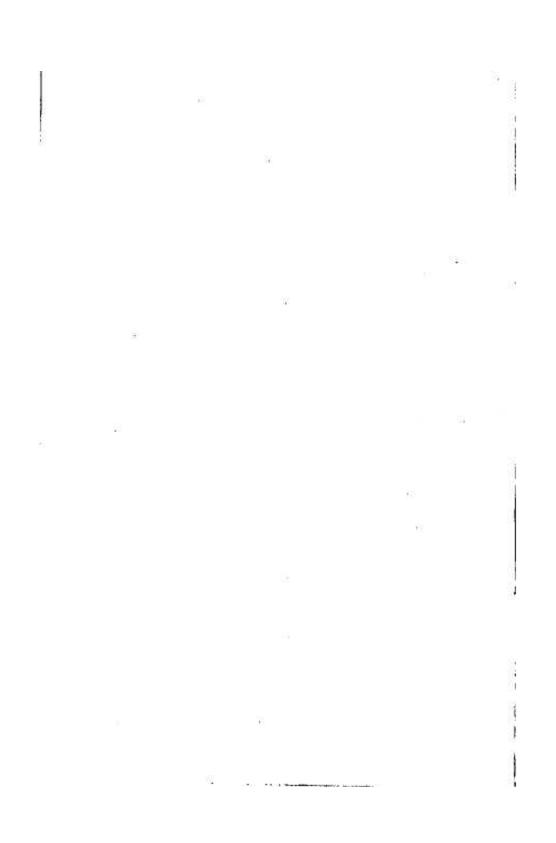
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MARY.

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SINGING of one who bore this sweetest name
Long, lone ago, in bygone centuries,
Mother of One for whom our Christmas trees
Are green and bright with never-ending fame,
I think of one whom HAVING seen we love,
A mother Mary of these latter days,—
Mother and wife and friend whose simplest praise
The memory of her meekness would reprove;
Who, bound long years, was patient in her pain,
And still forgot her own in others' woe.
Blessing of blessings and immortal gain,
Such grace as hers to so divinely know;
Daring believe that not His mother trod
With whiter feet this highway of our God!



IN NAZARETH TOWN.

A S to the rose's petals pure
The rose's heart of gold,
Was Nazareth to the encircling hills
In the brave days of old.

The narrow street, a straggling vine,
Against the hillside clung;
And from its stem the village homes
In meagre clusters hung.

And down the street, with eager feet,
The village mothers came:

Let fancy follow without fear,
And listen void of blame.