

A POEM.

MANHOOD'S DREAM BY THE SEA.

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Upon a glo'ous summer day I chanced
To wander by the seashore; down along
The sands, that shone like molten silver 'neath
The noontide splendor of the sun. The waves
In lazy playfulness came slowly in,

But I doubt not I am happier with my secret weight of woe
Than the woman who has scorned me to admit her pomp and show.
For they say that heedless women sometimes feel a throb of pain,

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