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Poetry.

A SONG OF MAY.

BY WILLIAM GAYLORD CLARK.

The Spring's scented buds all around me are swelling.

There are songs in the stream, there is health in the glade.

A sense of delight in each beam is dwelling.

As the pure day-dreams of joy on my mountain and vale:

The dew-drops of gladness on old Winter's hair—

The verdure that fresh upon every tree;

Of Nature's revival the cheer—and a token

Of love, oh, thou Spirit of Beauty! to thee.

The sun looks forth from the halls of the morning,

And flashes the clouds that begrit his career;

He welcomes the gladness and glory, returning

He rests on the promise and hope of the year.

He fits with light all the beam-breathing flowers,

He mounts to the zenith, and laughs on the wave;

He wakes into music the green forest groves,

And glides the gay plumes which the broad rivers lave.

The young bird is out on his delicate plume,

He timely sings in the infant's play,

A greeting to May and her fairy dominion

He pours on the west wind's fragrant sigh;

Around, above, there are peace and pleasure;

The woods are as if they were heaven's delight—

The fields are as if they were heaven's delight—

And man's great spirit is soaring in light.

Also for my weary and care-haunted bosom

The spells of the spring-time are more to me;

The song in the wild-wood, the sheen of the blossom,

The fresh-welling fountain—their magic is o'er!

When I list to the stream, when I look on the flowers,

When I feel the past with so mournful a tone

I feel that the thought of my long vanished hours,

And that their transports are over and gone.

From the wide-spreading earth, from the limitless heaven,

There have vanished an eloquent glory and gleam;

To my beloved life no more is the influence given,

Which colored life with the hues of a dream;

The bloom-petals landscape its loveliness keep—

The green turf is bright, when in places they are dead;

But the eye of my spirit is hovering o'er;

Or sees but my youth, and the visions it gave.

Yet it is not that age on my years has descended—

'Tis not that its own wreaths encircle my brow;

But the peace and sweetness of being are ended—

I feel not their love-kindling witchery now;

The shadows of death o'er my path have been sweeping;

There are those who have loved me departed from the day;

They fell in the bright, when in places they are dead;

And on wings of remembrance my soul is away!

It is but the glow of the past's fond remembrance—

It bears from the past a fond remembrance—

And it eagerly turns to the high sea-far'd distance,

Where the lost blooms of earth shall be gathered again;

Where to mingle the soft daisy-rook shall flourish,

And the pale and slender crocus shall flourish;

Where purple death no dark specter can flourish,

Or stain with his blight the luxuriant spring.

It is that the hopes which to others are given,

Fall cold on my heart, in this rich month of May;

I bear the dear anthem that sing through the heaven,

I drink the glad air that enliven the day;

And if gentle Nature, her festival keeping,

Highlights and bright, when in places they are dead;

Or the least and the lovely my spirit is winging,

For my heart's proudest raptures are buried with them.

THE OLD UNION.

There are men so wild in their madness that

they openly and boldly declare that they hope

never to see the Union restored as it was. This

was indeed the substance of a statement made

by General Butler, the prominent candidate of

the radicals for the next Presidency, in a speech

made by him the other day, as a bid for that

office. If this idea be adopted by that party as

the platform for the next Presidential campaign,

we shall see the verification of prophecies often

made heretofore that the first avowed enemies of

the Union, who would form a party at the North

to bring about its ruin, would be the men who

have been loudest in their denunciations of con-

servative men as traitors, and in boasting their

own loyalty. Already we have the melancholy

fact before us that the radical party is avowedly

opposed to the restoration of the old Union. What

does this mean? We speak of it from the

record, and therefore what we say will not be

denied by any of their organs. They are not in

favor of prosecuting the war for the Union as it

was, but they have in mind a vague notion of

conquering the rebellion, and then giving us

some form of government which is suited to their

notions of what ought to be. This is what Gen-

eral Butler means by his avowal. This is what

the entire body of radical politicians are labor-

ing to accomplish. But why do they object to

the old Union? Why do they insist that they are

not in favor of returning to it? The answer is

found in their own statements, often made and

repeated, that they are unwilling to permit the

slave States to return into the Union at all. It

was to get rid of them that they invented, a year

ago, the State suicide theory, and offered their

resolutions in Congress and New York meetings,

declaring the seceded States defunct. This doc-

trine was started with the idea that it would be

a capital platform for a disunion party, and it

was the intention of the leaders to establish a

political movement in the North on this basis,

hoping that out of it would grow a powerful par-

ty, which would maintain control of the country

by excluding from Congress and from voting on

Presidential elections, all the slave States, or all

that had pretended to secede. This movement

commanded the assent and co-operation of all

the leading radicals in New York, and the docu-

ment declaring these disunion sentiments was

signed by the editors of the principal radical

papers here, by many of the men who are now

prominent in the Loyal League. The movement