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In Very Truth

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Bestow your heart on Laughter,
And Laughter will repay
In hours of merry living,—
In friendships brief and gay.
When days are warm and golden,
And ways are blossom fair,
You may be glad with Laughter,
The sweet—the debonair;
But when life's sun is shadowed,
As shadowed it shall be,
You'll look in vain for Laughter
To keep you company.

But give your heart to Silence,
The beautiful and wise,
Who veils her deep enchantments
In strangely simple guise;
Who leads to upland places
Apart from din and fret,—
Who pours the balm of reason
On failures and regret;
Then, in your hours of weeping
For hopes beloved and flown,
You will have won from Silence
The strength to walk alone.