It seemed like Eden's angel-peopled vale,
So bright the sky, so soft the streams did flow;
Such tones came riding on the musk-winged gale,
The very air seemed sleepily to hlow,
And choicest Howers enamelled every dale,
Flushed with the richest sunlight's rosy glow:
It was a valley drowsy with delight,
Such fragrance floated round, such beauty dimmed the sight.

The golden-belted bees hammed in the air,
The tall silk grasses bent and waved along;
The trees slept in the steeping sunbeams' glare,
The dreamy river chimed its undersong,
And tonk its own free course withont a care:
Amid the boughs did lute-tongued songsters throng,
Until the valley throbbed beneath their lays,
And echo echo chased, through many a leafy maze.
And shapes were there, like spirits of the flowers, Sent down to see the summer-beauties dress,
And feed their fragrant mouths with silver shawers; Their eyes peeped out from many a green recess,
And their fair forms made light the thick-set bowers; The very flowers seemed eager to carcss
Sach living sisters, and the boughs long leaved,
Clustered to catch the sighs their pearl-flushed bosoms heared.

One through her long loose hair was backward peeping,
Or throwing, with raised arm, the locks aside;
Another high a pile of flowers was heaping,
Or looking love askance, and when descried,
Her coy glance on the bedded-greensward keeping; She pulled the flowers to pieces, as she sighed,-
Then blushed like timid day-break when the dawn
Looks crimson on the night, and then again 's withdrawn.

One, with her warm and milk-white arms outsprcad, On tip-toe tripped along a sun-lit glade;
Half turned the matehless sculpture of her head,
And half shook down her silken circling braid;
Her back.blown scarf an arched rainhow made,
She seemed to float on air, so light she sped:
Skinming the wavy flowers, as she passed hy,
With fair and printless feet, like clonds along the sky.

One sat alone within a shady nook,
With wild-wood songs the lazy lours beguiling, Or looking at her shadow in the brook,
Trying to frown, then at the cfifort smiling-
Her laughing eyes mocked every serious look;
'Twas as in Love stood at himself reviling;
She threw in flowers, and watched them float away,
Then at her beauty looked, then sang a sweeter lay.
Others on heds of roses lay reclined,
The regal flowers athwart their full lips thrown,
And in one fragrance both their sweets combined, As if they on the self-same stem had grown, So close were rose and lip together twinedA double flower that from one bud had blown,
Till none could tell, so closely were they blended, Where swelled the curving-lip, or where the rosebloom ended.

One half asleep, crushing the twined flowers: Upon a velvet slope like Diau lay;
Still as a lark that 'mid the daisies cowers:
Her looped-up tunic tossed in disarray
Showed rounded limbs, too fair for earthly bowers; They looked like roses on a cloudy day;
The warm white dalled amid the colder green;
The flowers too rough a couch that lovely shape to screen.

Some lay like Thetis' nymphs aloug the shore,
With ocean-pearl combing their golden locks, And singing to the waves for evermore;
Sinking like flowers at eve heside the rocks, If but a sound above the mufled roar
Of the low waves was heard. In little flocks,
Others went trooping through the wooded alleys,
Their kirtles glancing white, like streams in sunny valleys.
They were such forms, as imaged in the night, Sail in our dreams across the heaven's steep blue;
When the closed lid sees visions streaming bright,
Too beautiful to meet the naked view;
Like faces lormed in clouds of silver light.
Women they were, such as the angels knew-
Such as the Mammoth looked on, ere he fled,
Scared by the lovers' wings, that streamed in sunset red.

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