

The Sea Spirit

Ah me! I shall not waken soon From dreams of such divinity! A spirit singing 'neath the moon To me.

Wild sea-spray driven of the storm

Is not so wildly white as she, Who beckoned with a foam-white arm

To me.

With eyes dark green, and golden-green
Long locks that rippled drippingly,
Out of the green wave she did lean

To me.

And sang; till Earth and Heaven seemed

A far, forgotten memory, And more than Heaven in her who gleamed On me.

Sleep, sweeter than love's face or home;

And death's immutability;
And music of the plangent foam,
For me!
Sweep over her! with all thy
ships,

With all thy stormy tides, O sea! The memory of immortal lips For me!

