| THE TWO WAYS <br> I said: "Let me walk in the field:" <br> God said: "Nay, walk in the town:" <br> I said: "There are no flowers there." <br> He said: "No flowers, but a crown." <br> I said: "But the sky is black, <br> There is nothing but noise and din:" <br> But He wept as He sent me back, <br> "There is mure," He said, "there is sin," <br> I said: "But the air is thick, <br> And fogs are veiling the suni" <br> He answered: "Yet souls are sick: <br> And souls in the dark undene." <br> I said: "I shall miss the light, <br> And friends will miss me, they say;" <br> He answered me: "Choose tonight, <br> If I am to miss you or they, ${ }^{\text {' }}$ <br> I pleaded for time to be given: <br> He said: "Is it hard to decide? <br> It will not seem hard in heaven <br> To have followed the steps of your Guide." <br> I cast one look at the fields, <br> Then set my face to the town: <br> He said: "My child, do you yield? <br> Will you leave the flowers for tho crown?" <br> Then into His hand went mine, And into my heart came He, And I walk in a light divine, The path I had feared to see. |
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