PORTRAIT

As stars upon a summer sky

Her soft eyes shed a tender light

Of sadness, and the glistening tears

Are radiant as a misty night.

Her floating hair rests like a cloud
With which the wistful winds have played,
Its dusky darkness sheds a gleam
About the green and grassy glade.

She stands alone, her soft sweet lips
Breathe forth no words, no tender sighs,
Yet sadness hovers all about
And glimmers from her pensive eyes.

She stands as slender as a flower,
As mystic as a dreaming faun,
Then shadows deepen in the glade,
A moment later she is gone.