

THE ARROW AND THE SONG

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I shot an arrow into the air. It fell to earth, I knew not where; For, so swiftly it flew, the sight Could not follow in its flight.

I breathed a song into the air. It fell to earth, I knew not where; For who has sight so keen and strong That it can follow the flight of song.

Long, long afterward, in an oak,

I found the arrow still unbroke; And the song, from beginning to end, I found again in the heart of a friend.