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Under the shadow of green laurel leaves

The poet marcheth, with unfaltering breath;

And from the glory which his fancy weaves

Draws strength, which tincteth the wan cheeks
of Death:

Under the shadow of the laurel green
The soldier smileth; and wayfaring men
Piercing the desert with proud looks are seen,
And hoary seamen face wild waves again:
But chief, 'midst hopes untried, with fear afar,
The young pale scholar seeks some dim renown,
Misled by influence of deceitful star,
To where Death hides behind the laurel crown:
Alas, grey age and pallid youth the same!
All leave fair truth, to clutch the phantom—
Fame!

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