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They Also.

I wanted just to be useful,-

I could not express it in song,

But my heart yearned to lift in life's struggle

Some need of humanity's throng.

I had not the gold nor the silver,

Nor houses nor lands in my store;

E'en the poorest thought scorn of my pittance

And flung it unglad at my door.

So I toiled along earning my ration,

I would not repine for Earth's pelf,-

When lo, from afar, the faint whisper:

"You have lifted by being Yourself!"