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When Summer on the earth was queen
She held her court in gardens green
Fair hung with tapestry of leaves,
Where threads of gold the sun entwined
With chequered patterns on the floor
Of velvet lawns the skylin smothered o'er:
Their waving fans the soft winds spread
Each way to cool Queen Summer's head:
The woodland dove made music soft,
And Erck touched his lute full oft.



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Round Time's dial thronged the Hours,
Masking in the Masque of Flowers



Round Time

Masking :



Like knights and ladies far be-dight
In silk attire, both red and white.



Like knights
In silk att



And as the winds about them played
And shook the flowers or disarrayed



And as the v
And shoo



A whispered word among them goes
Of how the Lily flouts the Rose.



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Suitors for Summer's favour dear,
To win the crown of all the year -
And how each champion brave would fight
Queen Summer to decide the right.



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Then shrill the wind-winged heralds blare;
The lists were set in Summer's view



Then shrill t
The lists we



With blazoned shields & pennons
Of fluttering flag & fleur-de-luce:



With blazon
Of fluttering



And spread with brodered hangings
Till all was ready for the fray.



And spread
Till all was 1

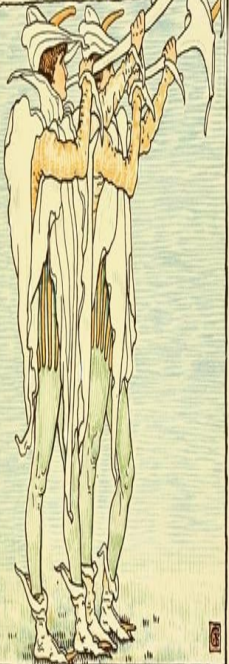




Between the
Of Rose &
Queen
Whom all th



The silver acorn-humpels sound
With tongues of gold, & to the ground
The shining champions each did ride
Their party-colours flaunting wide.



The silver and
With tongue
The shining
Their party-





Came first the glowing **R**ose in view,
With crimson pennon fluttering new;
With glittering spines all armed he came,
With lance and shield - a rose aflame;
With tossing crest and mantling free,
On fiery speed - a sight to see!

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Nor long the Lily knight delayed;
In silver armour white arrayed,
He flashed like light upon the scene,
A lamp amid the garden green.
Milk-white his horse, & housings fair
With silver lilies shining there.

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The summer winds the onset blew :
With level lance each champion flew,

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And clashed together, mid a snow
Of petals on the grass below.

And clashec
Of petals



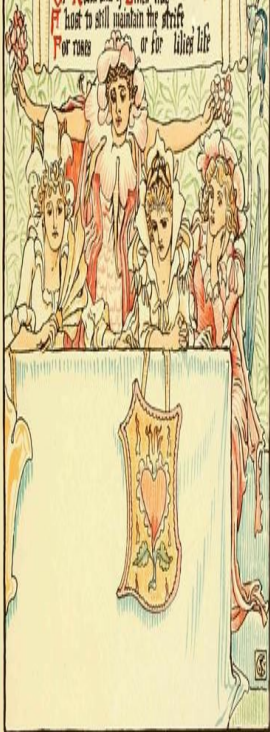
Pressed eager then the gazing rows :
Some cried "the Lili," some "the Rose"
But while the fate of battle hung,
Again the silver trumpets sung ;



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And sudden changing from each side,
Of roses and of lilies tide
F'lost to still maintain the strife
For roses or for lilies life



And, sudden
Of Roses
A host to stir
For roses





Rose favoured knights of maidens true,
their pennons blushing with each hue
Of Rose-craft, since from wild thorn trail
their order grew - through dark & pale
Of maiden-blown to damask deep,
Of Gloire-de-Dijon that doth keep
Enfolded fire within his breast,
Still golden hearted like the real.

Rose favour
Their pennc
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Their order
Of maiden-l
Or Gloire-d
Enfolded fir
Still golden





Like a cloud of morn they bore,
Or rosy wave on grassy shore,
That, breaking, dashed the silver spray
They met - the Lily-lances play;
In crested legends on that came
Against them - snow & burning flame
Doing with the crimson flood
Of roses & their fragrant blood,

Like a cloud
Or rosy way
That, break
Thay met—
In crested le
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Mixing with
Of roses &



Whereof the grass undurman rise,
As surges & rolled the floral stride,
With chequered fortune oer the green,
Until at last up-rose the **Q**ueen:



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With checqu
Until at last



And caused the rearing horns to blow
A truce, the victor's crown to show.
But like a gayland on the ground
Of roses & of lilies found,
So linked & locked in strife they lay
Each silver stem & clinging spray.



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The doughty champions could not rise
Before the Queen to claim her prize.
So to the field of battle down
She stepped, with rose & lily crown
Of silver & of gold fair wrought:
And thus Queen Summer spake her thought:



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Before the C
So to the fie
She stepped
Of silver &
And thus Q



And to each warrior thus did say:
Read in the fortune of your stay
An emblem sweet of unity,
Nor Rose nor Lily plant on high,
But side by side in equal right,
And pleasant there the Red & White.



And to each
Read in the
Fit emblem
Nor Rose no
But side by
And pleasar



That men & maides be glad to see,
Alway in pleasant company,



That men &
Always in p



Life & Love close linked together,
And strong to bear times wintry weather



Life & Love
And strong



Love not consumed in passion's heat
But golden flames & steadfast, sweet.



Love not co
But golden :



Time's snows shall quench not, though
Each spring renews the rosy tide:



Time's snow
Each spring



Each lower in his lady's face
Seen roses blent with lilies' grace :



Each lover i
Sees roses t



The poet & the painter praise
This heraldry of summer days;



The poet & This heraldr



And every garden sweet that blows
Doth get the **L**ily by the **R**ose.



And every g
Doth set the



Peace, then in all my borders be,
Beneath the silvern olive tree. "



Peace, then
Beneath the



Each rose, each lily's head bent low,
And each one sought his fallen foe:



Each rose, €
And each of



And careful hands the wounded bore,
With balm and honey to restore:



And careful
With balm a



And trimmed the grass & decked
each seat,
And made all fit for dancers
feet;



And trimme
And made a



Beneath the summer full-orbed moon,
Ruddy & gold that rose full soon,
The rose & lily fused in fire,
The summer's torch expire.



Beneath the
Ruddy & go
Like rose &
Ere the suns



Then forth each knightly lily led
A blushing rosy dame so red;



Then forth e
A blushing r



For lily hands or hearts denied
The rose-lured warriors erst denied.



Nor lily han
The rose-hu



Light-footed through the dancer's maze,
Quick they moved like winged fays;
As measured music soft did swell,
And echoed deep from hoarsey dell,
Till from the leafy forest side,
The sweet-tongued nightingale replied,
Dissolved in streams of silver sound,
Merged in the moonlight, lost & found;
Like the dancers, till in shade,
Of Summer's vernal night they fade.



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