

Poetry.

THE EARLY GRAVE.

They've planted wild flowers over her tomb,
The living of the dead!

They seek the spot when the last blush
Of day is on the rose.

They saw her come like morning dew,
Reddening summer skies.

She was among them as a dream,
More lovely in her death.

They saw her on the couch of death,
More lovely in her death.

They could not weep—they could not weep,
So tranquil pass her breath!

Yes! that which through life's fever'd hour
Blossom'd not to betray.

Literature.

DEBBIE GOWER'S CHOICE.

One bright spring morning, many years ago,
Two young men—neighbors—were riding slowly along a pleasant country road.

"What a long bitter Winter we have had," remarked the better clad of the two, Howard Morgan.

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"Let me carry it home for you, Debbie?"

Debbie made some blushing protest, but her eyes hid her smile.

"What does he mean?" she sighed, "Is it simply kindness, or what?"

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Debbie met him that evening with frank fearless eyes, her lovely face lovelier still with conscious blushes.

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"The darkest night has a dawn," sighed Debbie, laying her gold-brown head against his breast.

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