

At night he heard the lion roar,
And the hyena scream,
And the river-horse, as he crushed the reeds
Beside some hidden stream.
And it passed like a myriad roll of drums
Through the triumph of his dream.
The forests, with their myriad tongues,
Shouted of liberty
And the blast of the Desert cried aloud
With a voice so wild and free—
That he started in his sleep, and smiled
At their temporary gloe.
He did not feel the driver's whip,
Nor the burning hot day;
For death had illumined the Land of Sleep,
And his lifeless body lay
A worn-out fetter, and the soul
Had broken and flown away.

—LONGFELLOW.

ers' hands, and now the poor old mother sits alone in a comfortless cabin, beside the same stream which rolled by the home of her early happiness; and doubtless, as it wanders by, it often whispers of the time when she might have held them all back by her counsel and example from their ruin.

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