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AS ALWAYS

By A. LESLIE

“Behold, the face that launched a thousand ships!”
Thus sang the ancient bard, of Trojan Helen.
And the young men gathered,
Each to hear, and each to dream his chosen dream
Of Helen, and to give
Her face and form to his own fancy and desire.

For Helen lived in many lands—
And Helen’s hair was softly brown,
And black as dream-clouds, and as gold
As summer sunlight of the dawn;
And Helen smiled where’er the night
Strode grandly down the stairway of the stars.

And this was thrice two thousand years ago!
But still the young men gather close to hear
Of Trojan Helen, and to dream their dreams.
For Helen lives, and Troy burns,
And Odysseus sails westward to the setting sun.