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Children of the Moon

(The Moths)

By A. LESLIE

Flitter, flutter, through the dark!
 Like an ever-glowing spark:
 On my wings the moonlight rides,
 Ghostly starlight bands my sides.
 Flitter, flutter, through the flame;
 Flutter—'twas a sorry game!

Singed and crumpled now I lie,
 And you think to watch me die!
 I have left you as I gaze;
 Ghostly wings your lips just graze.
 Flitter, flutter, through the dark!
 Careful, I will leave my mark
 In your heart and on your soul
 (I am kin to elf and troll);
 You will see strange shapes flit by,
 Ghastly riders of the sky;
 You will wander 'neath the moon,
 Harkening to a soundless croon.

Mock me not as here I lie
 (While you are you and I am I);
 For, lean close, I'll whisper true,
I was once a man, like you!