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HOUSES

By Ludwig Lewisohn

MEN build them houses upon shore and height,
 And set a woman in the altar place,
 And get them children of their sturdy race,
 And trim their laws and mark the birds in flight,
 And glory in the nation's mounting might,
 Being very sure in all things bad to trace
 The growth of good—till o'er each foolish face
 Suddenly tramp the armies of the night.

Out with the stars and fireflies in the damp
 I watch the yellow flaring of their lamp
 Above the hearth—exulting still to be,
 My mate beside, so wild and homeless there,
 And as the world itself estranged and free,
 With terror and with laughter and despair.

