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O FOR BERMUDA
IN JUNE! THE MINT-SWEET
BREEZES STIR,
AND FROM THE CEDAR'S DUSK THERE
COMES AT NOON
THE SHRILL CICALA'S WHIR.
THE HONEYSUCKLE'S FRAGRANCE
STEEPS THE AIR,
AND THE BEE IN THE
ORANGE-FLOWERS THRO' THE DROW-
-SY SUMMER HOURS
MAKES A MURMURING EVERY-
-WHERE.

FIELD-FLOWERS,
NIGHT-WEEDS AND DAY-WEEDS
HOLDING HIGH CARNIVAL;
QUEEN-THISTLES GOLDEN,
WHITE MAYWEEDS,-
RUSTLING AND WHISPERING ALL
ROSE-MALLOWES,
SWEET RED CLOVER,
DAWN-BLOSSOMS, AZURE-EYED;
AND GAY LANTANAS
CLIMB AND CLAMBER OVER
GREY WALL
AND MEADOW-SIDE

THE BEE'S AT THE
HONEYED HEART OF THE
YELLOW TRUMPET-FLOWER:
AND IN THE SOUTHERN GARDEN'S
SUNNIEST PART
THE IPOMOEAS COWER;
THE BROAD BANANA'S FEARLESS
LEAF UNFURLS,
BRAVING THE IDLE NORTH;
AND, SARDEL-HUED,
THE BOLD HIBISCUS HURLS
ITS SHORT-LIV'D
BLOSSOMS FORTH.

TH' IXORA'S GLUMES OF
RED

STAND STIFF
TO THE NOONDAY SUN;
CRAPE-MYRTLES TRAIL THEIR
CRUMPLED PETALS SHED,-
ROSE-TINCTURED, - ONE BY ONE.
THE WANTON WINDS OF MORN,

SILVER THE SNUFF-PLANT'S
GREEN; THE PRICKLY PEAR LIGHTS
UP, MID JEALOUS THORN,
HER PALE-COLD LAMPS SERENE.

THE SWEET-PEAS
CURSEY AND
QUAVER
IN A MADCAP MINUET,
AND THE AMARYLLIS-BLOOMS
WAVER O'ER THE BEDS OF
MIGNONETTE:
THE CRESTED
CARDINAL-BIRD
FLASHES THE WARM AIR THROUGH
AND FROM THE GREENWOOD'S
DUSKIEST NICHE IS HEARD
THE QUAKER-DOVE'S LOW COO.

THE SHELL-PLANT'S BUDS,
CLOSE-SET,
STEAL OPEN, TREASURE-FILL'D;
THE STEPHANOTIS' WAXEN STARS
ARE WET
WITH HONEY SUN-DISTILL'D;
IN A WAYWARD PURPLE RIOT
THE MORNING-GLORIES SPREAD
THEIR DISCS, AS THE DAWN'S
FIRST QUIET
BREAKS TO SUNRISE
OVERHEAD.

THE JASMINE'S GOLDEN STAR
FROM ITS DUSKY COVERT GLOWS;
THE OLEANDER-HEDGES,
NEAR AND FAR.
BREAK IN WAVES OF WHITE
AND ROSÉ:
AND THE SIGHS OF A
WANDERING BREEZE
THRO' THE TALL PALMETTOES CREEP,
WITH A SOUND LIKE THE
RIPPLE OF SEAS
WHEN THEY MURMUR HALF-ASLEEP.

THE SUN-SWART
MELON SWELLS
IN THE THYMY GARDEN
- CLOSEA
THE LANCE-LEAV'D YUCCA'S
SPIRES OF CREAMY BELLS
STAND UP IN STATELY ROWS,
EACH CACTUS-BUD UNWRAPS ITS
SILVER CUP,
SCENTING THE SWOONING
AIR,
A HUNDRED GRACIOUS CALYCES
HELD UP O'ERBRIMMED WITH
SPICES RARE!

THE BLUEBIRD SWAYS
AND SWINGS
ON THE LISSOME BAMBOO'S
HEIGHT, AND FROM THE
PASSION-FLOWER'S CURLING
RINGS
DROOP GLOBES OF CHRYSOLITE.

THE PIGEON-BERRY'S
LILAC BLOSSOMS LEAN
TO THE LILY'S LILAC STARS
MAVRANDIA'S NETWORK
GREEN
GARLANDS THE GREY
WALL'S SCARS.

AQUAMARINE IN THE SHALLOWS,
WINE-DARK THE REEFS ABOON,
AND SHIFTING OPAL
WHERE THE BEACH LINE YELLOWS,
O FOR THE OCEAN IN JUNE!
SEA-MARIGOLDS BLAZE OUT THEIR
STARRY LUSTRES
'GAINST THE WAT'RY FIRMAMENT,
AND, ON EACH
GRASSY BENT THE
BAY-GRAPE HANGS
ITS CLUSTERS.

THE CLEMATIS CLIMBERS HIGH,
TO FALL
IN A FOAMY SHOWER;
AND RED AGAINST THE MISTY
DEEPS OF SKY GLOWS THE
POMEGRANATE FLOWER.
O FOR BERMUDA IN JUNE!
WHEN THE ROSES LIE A Swoon
—THE COOL SEAWIND
FANS SOFTLY THE DROOZY
LAND, AND THE RIPPLES
ON THE STRAND
LAPSE IN A LANGUOROUS TUNE!

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