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How often there, beneath their shades, I murmured vows of love, While the katydids were chirping and the green leaves up above; How often I have held your hand, close clasped within my own, While we listened to the music of the south winds monotone; And the stars were never brighter than your eyes that summer night.

When I took my first kiss from you, with a lover's proud delight. Ah! the very moon was envious in the far skies where he hung Like a silver globe above us, where the hammock lightly swung.

We could see the red lights twinkle in the village far away; We could catch the wind blown fragrance floating from the new-mown hay; And your cheeks were rivals, sweetheart, of the red roses in your hair, Which I gave you for keepsake as we sat delaying there. The frogs were making music in the hollow down below. And the fire-flies were smarming in a phosphorescent glow. All nature's similar choir, love's evening Gloria sung. Making music in the gloaming. Where the hammock lightly swung.

Have you forgotten sweetheart or do you sometimes still Recall those happy evenings at the old house on the hill? I turn away full sadly, a faded flower is all That is left of me that happy time, the past beyond recall. Except a host of memories which sometimes crowd around Me in my quiet hours and make this spot of ground A sacred spot to me, where once the trees their branches flung. In kindly shadow o'er us where the hammock lightly swung. —C. Conway Baker. Montross, Va.

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