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The Mistletoe.

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THE MISTLETOE.

HAIL, silvery, modest Mistletoe,
Wreath'd round winter's brow of snow,
 Clinging so chastely, tenderly !
Hail, Holly, darkly, richly green,
Whose crimson berries blush between
 Thy prickly foliage modestly :
Ye winter flowers bloom sweet and fair,
Though winter's garden else be bare—
Ye vernal glistening emblems, meet
To twine a Christmas coronet.