

A CAROL OF YOUTH

Give songs to the Summer
And carols to Spring;
Greet Love the new-comer
With tabret and string.

Come, crown him with laurel
As poet and knight,
Whose lips are of coral,
Decreeing delight!

Now hillock and highway
Are budding and glad;
Thro' dingle and byway
Go lassie and lad!

The spink in the hollow,
The laverock above,
The merle and the swallow
Shout pæans to Love.

The mavis is fluting
The song of his mirth;
The breezes are bruiting
It over the earth!

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And carols to Spring,
Greet Love the new-comer—
Our poet and king!

HUGO LAUBACH.