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62 A.D.

*A Sonnet*

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Through twilight haze, the West, with lurid red,  
Flushed all the uplands. There, in trance, I stood  
And watched the Vision,—saw the ensanguined feud  
Rage on the summits, whence was heard the tread  
Of conquerors coming and of captives led,  
And moanings of a mangled multitude,  
Where, 'mid the carnage on a field of blood,  
I saw the Warrior Queen uncharioted.

The Sea, remembering, sobbed around her capes  
Where ghostly kings, bewildered at their doom,  
Sought the lost sceptre and the crumbled throne:  
Then, in the air, triumphant spectral-shapes  
Arthurian, passed in panoply and plume,  
Led by the phantom-trumpets, faintly blown.

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