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*This little collection of "Heart Voices" is lovingly  
dedicated to his Father and Mother by*

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## The Rescue.

To my story, O my reader, prithee lend a heeding ear :

I would have thee know the power of a hearty word of cheer.

In the silent hour of midnight there was heard a startling cry :

"House on fire ! a house on fire ! Oh, some one to the rescue fly

Of the helpless sleeping inmates, threatened by a fiery grave !"

"To the scene we'll hasten, brother ; haply we may chance to save

From a sudden death so cruel more than one dear human life,—

Save a child or parent, maybe,—save a husband or a wife."

Thus a brother to a brother : then with eager hurried feet

Ran they swiftly through the darkness to the terror-stricken street,