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CUSTODIAN OF DREAMS

O eager Youth and fervent-eyed!
O valiant Youth and free!
We who are burdened stand aside
And leave the path for thee.

And watch thee passing blithe and gay,
Through visions blurred with tears;
We who have walked a long, long way
In company with fears.

Hold fast, Custodian of Dreams,
Thy precious, precious ware,
And be not duped by tinsel gleams
To banter things so rare.

Not all earth's minted coin could pay
For what is thine alone,
And we who threw our dreams away
Would gladly share thine own.

Go, joyous Youth, and reach the goal
That beckons to thine eyes;
And keep the garments of thy soul
Unstained for Paradise!

—*Lucy Gertrude Clarkin.*