I have seen him in the firelight when he stepped from out the forest
And he stood before my father with the flames upon his face,
Straight and tall and feather-footed and a quiver o'er his shoulder,
And my heart leaped in the shadows for the fire of his embrace.

I have seen her in the starlight when the lonely owl was calling
And the ripples of the quiet pool threw twilight at her feet,
Like the night her hair was falling and I saw her body gleaming
As she poised above the waters like a swallow dusk and fleet,

I have seen him at the hunt when he knew not I was watching
And he ran before the others like the sun before the stars
And his arrow found its quarry and he stripped the shining deer-skin
And I saw upon his glowing arms a hundred whitened scars.

I have seen her at the grinding when the corn was on the mortar
And the little smoky baking fire went drifting up so white,
And her hands were swift and knowing as she knelt upon the hemlocks,
The song she sang was comforting, and oh, her eyes were bright.

I will rise and bind my forehead with a band of beaded doe-skin
I will wind the porcupine's sharp quills within my loosened hair,
And on my feet the moccasins my mother measured for me,
Then sleep, but first to Manitou make offering of prayer.

I have pulled the shining water-reeds and shaped them into music,
I will stand before her wigwam when the evening-star is low,
She shall hear the haunting whip-poor-will and hearken to his calling
In the twilight for his mate to nest where the quiet waters flow.

I have heard a sound of silver, it has crept behind the curtains
And the embers at the doorway fade, I fear them not at all.
There's a shadow at the water's edge has waited since the sunset,
A shadow at the water's edge, and shadowy his call.

She is coming nearer, nearer, and her feet are on the grasses,
Her face is like the cooling wind, her hand a petalled flower.
Her breath is sweet with arbutus and lovely pink azalea-bloom,
And all the years are scattered smoke, but deathless is this hour.
—Contemporary Verse.