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"HOLIDAY GREETINGS": FROM THE BRIGHTON ARGUS, 1898

FROM A BOOK OF POEMS BY FRED A. BUSH

BRIGHTON

COME GENTLE MUSE AND SOFTLY TUNE THEY LYRE,
AND FILL THIS HEART WITH TRUE POETIC FIRE,
AND FILL MY SOUL WITH VISIONS GOOD AND TRUE
OF BRIGHTON VILLAGE NOW BEFORE MY VIEW.
AND LET ME SHOW TO PEOPLE FAR AND NEAR
THE BEAUTIES OF THIS LOVELY VILLAGE HERE;
YEA, SHOW ME ALL ITS MERITS O'ER AGAIN,
THAT I MAY SING THEM JUSTLY WITH MY PEN.

FOR BRIGHTON STANDS BENEATH FAIR HEAVEN'S BLUE,
A VILLAGE FAIR, WITH CITIZENS SO TRUE,
WHO READY STAND TO TELL TO ALL THE EARTH
IN HIGHEST PRAISE, BRIGHTON'S INTRINSIC WORTH.
A PEACEFUL SPOT, THE GIFT OF NATURE'S HAND.
WHAT WONDER THEN THAT PEOPLE PROUDLY STAND
AND POINT WITH PRIDE TO THIS, THEIR DWELLING PLACE,
AS NATURE'S BEST, THE FAIREST GIFT OF GRACE.

FIELDS OF BRIGHT GREEN BENEATH THE SUMMER'S SUN
PRODUCE THE BREAD AND MEAT FOR EVERYONE;
WHILE SILVERY LAKES IN ANY NUMBER LAY,
TO FURNISH FISH TO ALL WHO COME THIS WAY.
FAIR ISLAND LAKE, THE SOLDIERS' PRIDE AND JOY,
FULL MANY A HEART WITH PLEASURE DOTH EMPLOY,
AND PEOPLE COME FROM CITY AND FROM TOWN,
TO REST THEMSELVES AND 'NEATH ITS GROVES SIT DOWN.

(CONCLUSION NEXT MONTH)