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COCOA NUT PALM.

On a lonely Floridian shore,
There standeth a stately Palm,
And it beareth its feathery coronel
In revery, fair and calm.
It beareth its fruitful load,
And droppeth them into the brine;
They float afar o'er the waters broad,
Where the sparkling bubbles shine.

They float afar, over the wave,
And the sailor, adrift on the sea,
Recordeth a gratitude joyfully,
And blesseth the lonely palm tree.
The waters roll over its feet,
As it standeth so dimly and tall,
And break in their liquid melody,
As their shimmering circles fall.

The ships as they're passing along,
With their crews, and freight in store,
Grow weary in seeing the lonely palm,
And the rocks at its feet on the shore;
Their sails grow full with the wind,
And echo with bustle and song;
Yet they breathe farewell, with accents
kind,

On their journey so varied and long.

D. H. SMITH.

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