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A PRAIRIE NYMPH

A Prairie Nymph

DEDICATED TO MISS SARITA KENEDY

WITH SINCERE ADMIRATION AND RESPECT, AND THE PRIDE THAT ALL TEXAS
FEELS IN THE TYPICAL TEXAS GIRL

By JUDD MORTIMER LEWIS

When the breeze is on the uplands, and the sun
is on your hair,
Where's another prairie blossom in the wide world
anywhere
Half so sweet as you, Sarita, sweet wild blossom
of the range,
You to whom all life is young, yet bubbling full
of gleeful change,
You whose green ancestral acres are no more
than just a place
Where a little maid may scamper in a lilting
laughing race
With bloom-crested grassy billows, where, far as
the eye can see,
Sky and plain, and all the wide world—all—are
sharers in your glee!
You'll not need your fleet-limbed pony, nor riata
not at all,
When a modern knight comes spurring through
the dusk of evenfall;
You will round him up, Sarita, never giving him
a chance;
You will hold him roped and captive with the
sweetness of a glance—
All of that is in the future, with the stories
yet untold;
But may that same future bring you all the
gladness it can hold;
May your whole life be a playground glad, dear,
as it is today;
If you ever grow a-weary may it be from too
much play.