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The Giant Oak and Fairyland

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This poem was suggested by the close promi-
nity of one of our peony gardens to a Giant
Oak which is 30 feet 6 inches in circum-
ference at its base.

I.
At eventide in fairyland, the fairy met the elf
Who brought the fleecy, cloud-like float to trans-
port with himself
From fairyland, the Fairy Queen in royal robes and cloak
To meet the fairy folk on earth beneath the Giant
Oak.

II.
The jolly little fairy folk, they gaily dance and sing
Their praises of the Giant Oak, the giant forest
king;
It is the fairest place on earth for jolly fairy folk
To meet their Queen and dance and sing, beneath the
Giant Oak.

III.
The Fairy Queen gave strict commands to elf and fairy too
To paint the flowers near the Oak in every rainbow hue,
To notify, as fairies can, the common earthly folk,
That fairyland is not far off from this great Giant
Oak.

IV.
The elf and fairies painted well, obeyed the Queen’s command,
And made the gardens near the Oak resemble fairy-
land;
So by decree of Fairy Queen, which courts cannot
revoke,
The fairyland on earth shall be near by the Giant
Oak.

V.
Should any doubt this fairy tale of rainbow tinted flowers,
So painted at the Queen’s command in early morn-
ing hours,
Let him but call in May or June when Spring is full
awoke,
He’ll find a fairyland of flowers near by the Giant
Oak.

VI.
Ten million fragrant peonies, of every hue,
In matchless shades and blendings that mortal can-
not do,
That tally with the flowers of which the fairy spoke,
Are grown in mammoth gardens near by the Giant
Oak.