



Wordsworth s Patriotic Poems and Their Significance To-Day (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from Wordsworth s Patriotic Poems and Their Significance to-Day Wordsworth s pre-eminence as a poet of nature and of rural life has somewhat overshadowed the part of his work devoted to the larger issues, national and international, of his time. It is some times forgotten that the lyrist of The Daffodils and The Daisy, the chronicler of the humble fortunes of Michael and of Ruth, could turn, with equal success of poetic intuition, to the causes that make or mar the greatness of kingdoms and of peoples. It may therefore be not unfitting, during the present crisis, to consider once again the poems of Wordsworth that were inspired by the conflict with Napoleon, and to see what bearing they may have on the strikingly parallel European situation to-day. But to grasp fully the significance of these poems, and to realize the stern passion for liberty which both weights them and gives them wing, it is necessary to trace briefly Wordsworth s attitude towards the French Revolutionary movement in which Napoleonism had its birth. Wordsworth s first...



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