



The Complete Poetical Works of Joaquin Miller (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2016. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from The Complete Poetical Works of Joaquin Miller In looking over my notes at the end of this second edition, wherein I have tried to answer and even anticipate the eager questions of young poets, I find I may have said too much; given too much encouragement, too little caution. Let me qualify all I have set down in this book, by saying bluntly, that the poet's trade is the hardest trade of all trades in the world; his compensation is the poorest; his triumphs the fewest; not one in ten thousand can earn his bread at it. Sir Walter Besant is being laughed at for having advised that a man should secure a competence before writing books. But Sir Walter was right. And the novelist, as a rule, receives fifty dollars to the poet's one. Another thing to be taken into account before venturing up the stormy steeps of song, poets, like priests or preachers, are not in the line of preferment, either at the polls or at the White House. Suppose that...



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