

**LOVELY HIGHLAND PARK.**

(Written for The NEWS.)

I know a charming rural spot,  
'Mid cliffs and trees and brooks,  
Where one may study nature as  
A student studies books.

If you would see the springtime,  
In all its tenderest moods:  
Then with me make a visit to  
This city in the woods.

See! near your chamber casement,  
Most within your reach,  
A blue jay sits upon her nest  
In that cool, leafy beech.

And when you look tomorrow,  
You easily can count  
Six open bills presented,  
Each for the right amount.

But should you prefer the summer,  
Then seek out this retreat,  
Where shady walks and bowers will  
Protect you from the heat.

And should you prolong your rambles,  
From morning until dark,  
You'll find every home a picture  
And every lawn a park.

But if you'd see the autumn woods  
In gorgeous tint and shade,  
Then tarry with us yet awhile  
And you'll be well repaid.

If to ramble in the woodlands,  
Unconsciously beguiled;  
You'll find all cultivated plants  
Presented in the wild.

The Universal Architect  
Omitted but the lark,  
In planning such a beauty spot  
As lovely Highland Park.

JAMES CAIRNS, Chicago.

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