

Appendix: Poetic Tribute to May by Lampman

An admirable hostess is Mrs McKeggie
 At her home which is called "Inglenook"²
 I stayed in the Fall of the year '93
 And delights that were many partook.
 The Lady I mention's courageous of heart
 No guest too much bantered can be
 For long before that she takes up his part
 And protects with her keen repartee.
 Though anxious for others to herself she's unkind
 For when her handwriting was read
 She thought the lest item did show a weak mind
 When it showed a fine talent instead.
 At whist or at chess she plays a good game,
 And though at the latter she's careless at first,
 Alas, for the player who counts on his name,
 Alas, for the hopes formed only to burst.

¹ "In October," *Among the Millet, and Other Poems* 23-24, *Poems* 21-22. As L.R. Early notes, the manuscript of the poem in the Library of Parliament, Ottawa is dated October 1883, but in the the manuscript sent to May and now in the Fisher Library, University of Toronto it is dated October 1884 ("Chronology" 86n5). The other two poems are unidentified.

² The name of the McKeggies' house in Barrie.