



The Pelican Island, and Other Poems (Classic Reprint) (Hardback)

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Forgotten Books, 2018. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from The Pelican Island, and Other Poems The examination of a coral reef during the different stages of one tide, is particularly in teresting. When the tide has left it for some time it becomes dry, and appears to be a com pact rock, exceedingly hard and ragged; but as the tide rises, and the waves begin to wash over it, the coral worms protrude themselves from holes which before were invisible. These animals are of a great variety Of shapes and sizes, and in such prodigious numbers, that, in a short time, the whole surface Of the rock appears to be alive and in motion. The most common worm is in the form Of a star, with arms from four to six inches long, which are moved abolit with a rapid motion in all direc tions, probably to catch food. Others are sosluggish, that they may be mistaken for pieces Of the rock, and are generally Of a dark colour, and from four to five inches long, and two or three round. When the coral is broken about high-water mark, it is...



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