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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

William Morris (1834–96) was a British designer, poet, artist, publisher and novelist, best known today for the immensely popular Morris & Co he established and designed for. A dedicated socialist, Morris's political poetry, lectures and essays helped to establish the movement as a going concern in the UK.

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