

ΚΕΦΑΛΗ ΟΕ

PLOVERS' EGGS³⁸

Spring beans and strawberries are in : good-
bye to the oyster !

If I really knew what I wanted, I could give up
Laylah, or give up everything for Laylah.

But “ what I want ” varies from hour to hour.

This wavering is the root of all compromise,
and so of all good sense.

With this gift a man can spend his seventy
years in peace.

Now is this well or ill?

Emphasise *gift*, then *man*, then *spend*, then
seventy years, and lastly *peace*, and change the
intonations—each time reverse the meaning !

I would show you how ; but—for the moment !

—I prefer to think of Laylah.