

"It was only a dream!" she said. "Only a dream, but oh! how very like reality it seemed!"

Once more, the precious words "Marie! dearest Marie!" were breathed as if from some bright region beyond the cold grave.

The maiden looked up, and lo! her lover.

"I too, have departed," she solemnly murmured, "and we have met in Paradise!"

A long drawn, burning kiss of human love, convinced her that she was still upon earth.