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## SORROW AND DUTY

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Sorrow lingers near our gate,  
Kneeling oft to pray;  
Death is coming soon or late,  
Crooning o'er his book of fate;  
Perchance he's on the way.

Sorrow draweth near our door;  
Our hearts repeat her sighs;  
The one she loved has gone before;  
What can she now, what can she more?  
All hope within her dies.

Sorrow weepeth in despair,  
Sobbing o'er her loss;  
She heedeth not her tangled hair;  
Her burden's more than she can bear;  
She will not kiss her cross.

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Sorrow soothes her aching brow,  
When duty takes her hand;  
'If fate's eternal, time is now;  
'Tis not to ask the why, or how,  
Despair you must withstand."

Sorrow lifteth up her head,  
To wipe away her tears;  
She reads the book wherein 'tis said—  
"Hold fast the faith, be not afraid;  
'Tis love o'ercometh fears."

So sorrow sanctifies her love,  
Repeating duty's prayer;  
The love below, the love above  
Within the eternal are unrove,  
To while away despair.

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