O Death! how sweet the thought That this world's strife is ended:
That all we feared and all we sought
Are in one deep sleep ended.

No more the anguish of to-day
To wait the darker morrow;
No more stern call to do or say,
To brood o'er sin and sorrow.

O Death! how dear the hope That through the thickest shade Beyond the sleep and sunless slope Our treasured store is laid.

The loved, the mourned, the honored do That lonely path have trod, And that same path we too must tread, To be with them and God.

O Life! thou too art sweet : Thou breath'st the fragrant breath
Of those whom even the hope to meet
Can cheer the gate of death.

I could have borne this well enough had only one home remained open to me—the home of Eve Guion.

In the days when her wealthy father looked with favor upon the interceurse of his daughter with the landowner's son, I had some wild hopes about her.

She was a beautiful gril—young, and, as I had believed, sympathetic. I had believed, too, that I had seen glimpses of something in her face that proved my hopes not to be so wild as they seemed.

But go," I entreated, "I tell you you you have only a bare chance to get out as it is. The water is pressing harder every moment. It will soon be too much for my strength.

"Then I will stay and help you, Wallace," she said, in a strange, gentle voice. "Ah, you know me," I cried.

"I have known you from the moment of the penitent husband, regardless of the titterings from the surrounding partitions, spoke again:

"Years enough, madam, to know the

mine thoroughly," I answered, evasively.
Mr. Guiou looked at me inquiringly.
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"You speak like a man of education, my good fellow," he said. "Op they put men of your stamp in such positions as yours?"

"Men of my stamp have few claims which the world is bound to respect," I answered gruffly. "You are here to see the mine. Be kind enough to follow me."

"My father will have more than enough to do to guide his own steps," said Eva, coming to my side and quietly placing her hand on my arm. "I must trust to your gallantry, Mr. Wallace."

I made no reply, but wondering if wo man as she was, she had no far-away hint of the cause of that sledge-hammer beating of my heart under her round arm.

We remained in the galleries two hours—more than twice as long as was necessary to their thorough inspection. The old man was growing impatient, but the gloomy pits and chambers seemed to have an unaccountable fascination for Eve Guion.

She loitered, on one pretext and another, until I began to fear I must have betrayed my identity to her quick eye.

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Her face had grown strangely sad and anxious. I saw, too, that when she thought herself unobserved she watched my face intently. Had she detected me, and was she seeking for an opportunity to make her discovery known without betraying me to her father?

I determined that she should not a complish her design. I knew very well that, should I lose my self-control, all of my love, bitterfess and despair would burst out in a torrent.

I therefore was careful to avoid being alone with her for a moment. And I soon saw that I had guessed aright. She was endeavoring to separate me from her father, that she might speak to me.

But I folled her quietly but skilfully, and after the galleries had been explored twice over, and there was no longer the shadow of a pretext for remaining, she mean of the cased. If we can read it we are safe."

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which I had deemed unsafe to be visited.

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Something in her face that proved my hopes not to be so wild as they seemed.

But that, too, was over. A polite note from her father informed me that his daughter could henceforth dispense with my attentions; and, as I received no intimation to the contrary from Eve herself, I concluded she too, had declared my ostracism. After this I lost hope, and made no attempt to better my worldly condition.

I left the village, and after two years of wandering, often in destitution, I stranded myself on the Maberly coal-mine as gang-master in the pits.

Our mine had a doubtful reputation, having been the scene of several distressing accidents. Consequently, we were seldom troubled by visitors from the upper earth.

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per earth.

This was a godsend to me. I could manage to endure the life I was leading only on condition of not being too frequently reminded of the life from which I had been exiled. The idea of encountering persons whom I had known in better times was a constant terror to me.

him with Wallace Grover, I influenced my father to bring me here,"

"Well," said I, sorrowfully, "it is too late to think of the past now. Go, Eve, Go, and keep poor John Wallace's secret. It will soon be over with him."

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two years before.

I noticed that her face was a little paler and there was a look of sadness in it that was new to me.

The season I had spent in wretchedness then, had not been wholly free from sorrow for her. Not, of course, on my account; such a notion never entered my head.

"Have you been here many years?"

as I shall."

"We go together, or we die together," she said firmly. "Speak of it no more."

Then a solemn silence fell upon us. The men must have nearly all escaped, as I could tell by their distant shouts.

The earth was breaking away around my arm, and the water was already nearly two feet deep upon the floor of ahe chamber. I could hear the subterranean stream roaring more threateningly in the stream roaring more threateningly in the

she asked, as we were preparing to ascend into the galleries.

"Years enough, madam, to know the she asked, as we were preparing to ascend bowels of the mine. Another pound of pressure and I should be flung down, and the chamber would fill. Then came a great desire for life. How could I bear to have my new-found joy so suddenly smothered in the ground?

The sounds of the escaping men had ceased. If we could get the cage down

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Eve's eye caught sight of it.

"Here is a chamber we have not seen," THE SIMPLE REQUEST THAT OPENED THE WAY

she said.

"No, madsm," I interposed. "It is no longer: worked. The water has broken into it twice, and it is considered dangerous."

"I mean to see it at all events," she replied. "Father wait for us here. Mr. Wallace will not refuse to guide me, I am sure."

She cast a strange, significant look at me, which said almost as plainly as words:

"I know you, Wallace Grover, and I mean to speak to you in spite of your cantion."

mean to speak to you in spite of your caution."

Then she entered the chamber.
But she had miscalculated my tact. I turned to her father and requested him to enter with me, in order to dissuade her from her rash adventure, and we followed her together. She gave me a reproachful look as we entered, and I heard her sigh.

The moment I put my foot in the chamber, my senses, trained by long experience to note the varying phenomena of the under world, detected a hint of the coming danger.

There was a faint rumbling in the bowels of the earth. The air was close the content of the gentleman's card, in order that she might know whom she was conversing with.

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Can cheer the gate of clear to meet
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Its every hear and place
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But at last peace reigned, and possibly Fannie gave him the narcotic kiss of re

"BUCHUPABA"

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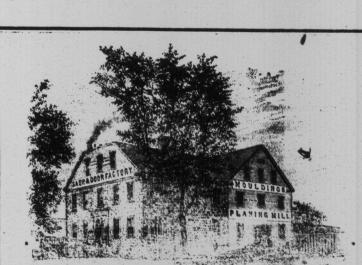
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