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Oft shall glowing hope expire ;
Oft shall wearied love retire ;
Oft shall death and sorrow reign,
Ere we all shall meet again.

Though in distant lands we sigh,
Parch'd beneath a burning sky ;
Though the deep between us rolls,
Friendship shall unite our souls
Oft in fancy's wide domain.
When shall we all meet again ?

When those burnish'd locks are grey,
Thin'd by many a toil-spent day ;
When around this youthful pine
Moss doth creep and ivy twine,
Long may this lov'd bower remain,
Ere we shall all meet again.

When the dreams of life are fled ;
When its wasted lamps are dead ;
When in cold oblivion's shade
Beauty, fame, and powers are laid ;
Where immortal spirits reign,
There may we all meet again.