

Its bird-song, and beauty, and bloom,
Till pain was forgotten, and weary unrest
And in fancy he roamed through the scenes he loved best,
Far away from the dim, darkened room.

THIRD GIRL—

One stole to the heart of a flower that was sad,
And loved and caressed her until she was glad,
And lifted her bright face again.
For love brings content to the lowliest lot,
And finds something sweet in the dreariest spot,
And lightens all labor and pain.

FOURTH GIRL—

And one, where a little blind girl sat alone,
Not sharing the mirth of her playfellows, shone
On hands that were folded and pale,
And kissed the poor eyes that had never known sight,
That never would gaze on the beautiful light
Till the angels had lifted the veil.

IN CONCERT—

At last, when the shadows of evening were falling,
The sun, their great father, his children was calling,
Four sunbeams sped into the West.
All said, "We have found that in seeking the pleasure
Of others, we fill to the full our own measure,
Then softly they sank to their rest.

"JUST SAY JESUS."

A STORY OF THE AMERICAN WAR.

Through many battles Lieut. Allen had gone without harm. At last he received a terrible wound at Gettysburg, and a few days after was lying in the hospital, so ill and weak that he scarcely recognized any one about him. He was a Christian man, and not afraid to die; but, as little by little his strength revived, he began to think about his wife and his little children.

Nelly was eleven and Mary nine. From the hospital, Lieut. Allen's colonel wrote home to his friends. Mrs. Allen could not go; her father was ill; and an only brother of the lieutenant was far in the west.

"Mamma, may I go?" asked Nelly, her cheeks flushed, and her eyes bright with tears.

"You, my poor girl!" said her mother, mournfully.

Later in the day a neighbor came in, who was going to Gettysburg, and Nelly renewed her entreaties, which at last prevailed.

One day the lieutenant waked from an uneasy slumber. Could he believe his eyes? There sat his little girl—his own little Nelly—her gentle eyes so full of love, her innocent kiss upon his cheek so fervent, that her father began to rally from that moment.

In one of the wards was a poor boy, who soon drew Nelly's attention. His face was so pale and swollen, and his breath so labored, that the child was frightened.

"Papa, is he dying?" she asked.

"Yes, my dear," said the nurse; "you had better not look at him. Poor soul! he has been trying to pray, but didn't seem to know what to say."

Another moment, and Nelly was by the side of the dying boy, as he bent earnestly down, and cried in her low, clear voice—

"Just say 'Jesus'; only say, 'Jesus, save me!'"

The boy looked up anxiously; his white lips moved.

"Just look to Jesus; He will hear you!" cried the child again.

His breath was still for a moment, and from the laboring throat came, in one low, shrill cry—

"Jesus, I trust in Thee!"

"O, papa!" she cried, a moment after, as the nurse laid her hand on the poor young sergeant's eyes, now closed forever, "I hope he has gone to Jesus;" and laying her head on the pillow, she cried quietly, death was

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