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OUT OF TOUCH

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Only a smile, yes, only a smile,
That a woman o'erburdened with grief
Expected from you; 'twould have
given her relief,
For her heart ached sore the while;
But weary and cheerless she went
away,
Because, as it happened, that day
You were "out of touch" with the
Lord.

Only a word, yes, only a word,
That the Spirit's small voice whisper-
ed, "Speak,"
But the worker passed onward un-
blessed and weak,
Whom you were meant to have stir-
red
To courage, devotion and love anew,
Because when the message came to you
You were "out of touch" with your
Lord.

Only a day, yes, only a day.
But oh! can you guess, my friend,
Where the influence reaches, and
where it will end,
Of the hours that you frittered away?
The Master's command is, "Abide in
Me."
And fruitless and vain will your service
be
If "out of touch" with your Lord.

Only a note, yes, only a note,
To a friend in a distant land;
The Spirit said, "Write," but then you
had planned
Some different work, and you thought
It mattered little. You did not know
'Twould have saved a soul from sin
and woe—
You were "out of touch" with the
Lord.

Only a song, yes, only a song,
That the Spirit said, "Sing to-night.
Thy voice is thy Master's by purchas-
ed right;"
But you thought, "Mid this motley
throng,
I care not to sing of the City of Gold"—
And the heart that your words might
have reached grew cold,
You were "out of touch" with the
Lord.

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