

Worth Repeating.

SPEAK KINDLY.

Speak kindly, for our days are all too few
 For any angry strife ;
 There is deep meaning, if we only knew,
 In our brief life.
 No nobler mission can be ours, if we
 A pang can stay ;
 Or if amid the rush of of tears we see,
 Wipe one away.

Speak kindly. Gracious words, God sent,
 God given,
 Are never lost.
 They come all fragrant with the breath of
 heaven,
 Yet nothing cost.
 Kind words are like kind acts ; they steal
 along
 Life's hidden springs ;
 Then in the darkest storm, some little song
 The sad heart sings:

Speak kindly, graciously, for all around
 Are pains and smarts ;
 The very air is full of moans and sound
 of breaking hearts.
 Seek, seek to bind them up as once did he.
 Thy gracious Lord ;
 Then surely will his hand bestow on thee
 A bright reward.

—S. Trevor Frances.

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 think quietly, talk gently, act frankly ;
 to listen to stars and birds, to babes
 and sages, with open heart ; to bear
 all cheerfully, do all bravely, await
 occasions, hurry never—in a word, to
 let the spiritual, unbidden and uncon-
 scious, grow up through the common :
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