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## THE TWO MYSTERIES.

We know not what it is, dear, the sleep  
so deep and still;  
The folded hands, the awful calm, the  
cheek so pale and chill;  
The lids that will not lift again, though  
we may call and call;  
The strange, white solitude of peace  
that startles over all.

We know not what it means, dear, this  
desolate heart-pain;  
This dread to take our daily way, and  
walk in it again;  
We know not to what other sphere the  
loved who leave us go;  
Nor why we're left to wonder still, nor  
why we do not know.

But this we know: Our loved and dead,  
if they could come this day—  
Should come and ask us "What is life"  
—not one of us could say.  
Life is a mystery as deep as ever death  
can be;  
Yet oh, how dear it is to us, this life we  
live and see!

Then might they say—these vanished  
ones—and blessed is the thought,  
"So death is sweet to us, beloved! though  
we may show you naught;  
We may not to the quick reveal the  
mystery of death—  
Ye cannot tell us, if ye would, the mys-  
tery of the breath."

The child who enters life comes not  
with knowledge or intent,  
So those who enter death must go as  
little children sent.  
Nothing is known. But I believe that  
God is overhead;  
And as life is to the living, so death is  
to the dead.

—Mary Mapes Dodge, born 1838, died August 21, 1905.—

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