

...Evening...

So fades the day! The long, long day,
Where shadows arch the sunlit way,
And checkered cloud and sunshine play—
A life's long day.

A life's long day! The shadows creep
Near and more near. Strange breezes sweep
As from an unknown river deep—
Gone is the day.

Gone is the day—its hopes and fears,
Its happy hours of work-filled years,
Its sorrow, sin and wasted tears—
Farewell, bright day.

Farewell, bright day! The night is here.
Hark, how the river rushes near!
All shuddering I stand and fear—
Courage, O soul!

Courage, O soul! O heart of mine
New dawn on yonder shore doth shine;
One stands and waits with smile divine—
Welcome, sweet day!