

While Mr. Balfour eliminates the food tax from his present programme, his divergence from Chamberlain is more apparent than real. If the Premier can ride into power again on a policy of retaliatory tariffs, the Chamberlain plan will be much easier of consummation. It is a far longer step from free trade to preferential tariffs than from protection to preferential tariffs. Mr. Balfour, in his address yesterday, said not a word against the principle of taxing foodstuffs, but merely stated that public opinion was not ripe for it. He is ready to take the step when the country supports

The Drudge.
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 Repose upon her soulless face,
 Dig the grave and leave her there;
 But breathe a prayer that, in his grave,
 The will of this will-willing
 To endless rest receive her.

Oh, can it be the gates ajar
 Wait not her humble quest,
 Whose life was but a patient war
 Against the flesh that stalked from fa-
 With neither haste nor rest;

To whom were sun and moon and clouds
 The streamlet's pebbly coil,
 The wind, the May-bound, crowd,
 The storm's frank fury, thunder-browed
 But wisdom of her joy.

Whose weary feet could not the bliss
 Of dance by tolling bell
 Who never dallied at a kiss?
 If least she knew her, life is
 A tragedy indeed.

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