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**B**UT once I pass this way,  
 And then—no more.  
 But once—and then the Silent Door  
 Swings on its hinges,—  
 Opens . . . . closes,—  
 And no more.  
 I pass this way.  
 So while I may,  
 With all my might  
 I will essay  
 Sweet comfort and delight  
 To all I meet upon the Pilgrim Way.  
 For no man travels twice  
 The Great Highway  
 That climbs through Darkness up to  
 Light  
 Through night  
 To Day.

—JOHN OXENHAM