

I Have a Rendezvous With Christ

(Suggested by Alan Seeger's "I have a Rendezvous with Death.")

IN LOVING AND GLAD REMEMBRANCE OF
OUR SON, S. I. P., WHO,
BEING WOUNDED IN FRANCE, ON
THE 4TH MARCH, 1917,
"KEPT HIS RENDEZVOUS WITH CHRIST"
THE NEXT MORNING.

I have a rendezvous with Christ—
With Christ the Light and Life of men !
What barricade can Death erect ?
What power prevent what I expect ?
For Spring, Life's Spring, shall bloom, and then
I shall keep rendezvous with Christ,
Where Christ makes Paradise again.

I know that he will take my hand
And lead me into that bright land
For He it was who made the tryst ;
I shall not fear when dawns the day,—
I seek that rendezvous with Christ :
Life's winter past, then comes Life's May !
When every bud of hope unfolds,
And I know all His promise holds !

No other prospect could bring half
The joy this brings ! at ease and wealth,
At all the earth might give, I laugh,
A quiet laugh : it's all out-priced !
Earth's joys out-weighed ! Earth's best out-done !
For I've a rendezvous with Christ
Where I shall know the thrill of health
When Death has failed, and Life's begun !
And Christ to His pledged word is true ;
I know He'll keep that rendezvous.

H. J. P.