WAITING

DIMLY do I remember—
Oh, it was years ago,
E'er life's sad December
Frosted our hair with snow—
How we two were standing,
Under a sunset sky
Amid the flowers and breezes,
Of a sweet July.

Heavy the air with perfume,
Green was the velvet sod,
Nature all reflecting
The face of Nature's God.
Ah, but the flowers have faded;
Flowers were born to die;
Life has changed so sadly
Since that sweet July.

Slow are our steps and feeble;
Long is the weary way:
Still we wait together,
The closing of the day.
Thro' the mists of the Valley,
We're groping—you and I,
Till in a blaze of glory
We see the new July.