And I knew so much! for I had lived With my lady since her childhood: known What her young and happy days had been, And the grid-no other eyes had seen I had watched and sorrowed for alone.

Yet she could not blame him, even to me, Though she often set and wept alone; But she could not hade it near her death, When she said with her last struggling be "Let my babies still remain my own " I it was who drew the sheet aside, When he saw his dead wite's face. That test Seemed to strike right to his heart. He said, In a strange, low whisper, to the dead, "God knows, love, I did it for the best."

And he wept—O yes, I will be just—When I brought the children to him there, Wondering sorrow in their baby eyes; Ard he soothed them with his fond repli Bidding me give double love and care.

Ah, I eved them we'l for her dear sake; Little Arthur, with his serious air; May with all her mother's pretty ways, Bleshing, and at any word of praise Shaking out her sunny to den hair.

When the happ's gloomy christening came.

And he called her "Ogla-like my wife!" Save that time, he never spoke of her: He grew graver, sterner, every day; And the children felt it, for they dropped Los their voices, and their laughter stopped, While he stood and watched them at their play.

No. 1s never named their toother's name.
But I told them of her: told them all.
She had been: so gentle, good, and bright;
And I always tock them every night.
Where her picture bung in the great hall.

There alle stood: white delicies in her hand, And 'er red imparted as to seeak. With a surfer, the bine and surmy air so med to of their floating golden hair, And to bring a faint blush on her check. Well, so then peaced on ; a year was gime, And Sir Arghur had been much away. Then the term come! I shed many tears When! I aw the trush of whimp fears Blue! there me on that litter day.

Any one but her found have borne! But my and head her as a friend. To such their children land their early youth, Here the used to count two the truth of this friendship that could here rend!

Cider, graver than my lady was.
Whose young ment's heart on her reile!
She count a resulvine, and probes, and blame,
And on the let on Marcard's name.
As her counts comfort, he is and guide. I had one the line and table?
That a day goes to desirbe bea.
Sine be moring for she name her less,
News and her and I need to table.
At some serret wood I sever knew.

That in a street and recent here is her stead,
With due to mand is decider of a bride?
Would not thought solveder of a bride?
With the silant memory of the dead?

So, the day exam, and the bell's rong out, And I laid the children's black aside; And I he diesels there'lling hand, As I strong to me're then understand. They must greet their father's new-mails bride.

Ah, Sir Arthur negit look; awe and stern, And his lady's exis might well grow dim, When the children shrank in the raway.— Little Arthur bid his face, and May Would not raise her eyes, or speak to him.

An, the lady's tears might well fall fost. As sine kissed them, and then turned away. She might strive to smile or to forcet, But I think some shalow of regret Must have risen to blight her wedding-day.

But Sig Arther—O, this was too hard!— He, who had always been start and ad it my half's time, seemed to refere E ch day aore; and I c uid hear his voice Eyes, sounding younger and more glad.

He might perhaps have blamed them, but his wife New r falled to take the children's pert: She would stay him with her pleading tone, Saying she mound strive and strive alone, Till she gained each wayward lit is heart.

She was a suite. First, and rationt foo. Yet in value: the children hold apart. An, their mother's gentle me many dwelt. Norr them, and her little orphers felt. She had the first claim upon their heart.

Vest: fir Arthur had been called away. To that scene of wanghter, fear, and strife. Now he seemed to blow with do the pain. The cook if the grid that coust remain. To divide his children from his wife.

Nearcrothe the day he was to sail.

Beever grive the coming wee and feir:
When, one right, the children at my knee,
Kiest to say their evenlog prayer to me,
I looked up said saw Sir Arthur near.

There he waited till their low "Arrent".
Stopped the row lips mised for "Good olght!"
Do a them with a fond cape doe and near,
As he held them stay with him and he ar.
Something that would make his beart more light

Little Ober er pt into his arms:
Arti as hat upon his shoulder; May
If it beside has, with her carnest eyes
Litted up, as pattent, alm surprise,—
I can almost hear his words to day.

"Years ago, my children, venrs ago,
When your mother we's a child, she came
From her Northern home, and here she met
Leve for love, and confort for regret,
In one early filend—you knew her name.

"Years passed on, and I saw them first; It was hard to say whi h was most fair,

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