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Then like clouds that darkly gather Close were drawn the folds again;
Low their heads were bent in silence,
But she heard no moan of pain.

V.

Who are there in robes of whiteness
Gliding through that mournful throng?
Surely to some brighter region
Of God's bliss they must belong?
There are holy guardian angels
From His fair land far away,
Come to lead some happy spirits
To a glad unclouded day.

VI.

With a wand they gently touch them,
Joyfully she sees them rise,
In through white clouds swift ascending
Upward to the azure skies;
And poor captives still remaining
In the purgatorial fire,
Ah! with arms wide extended,
See, they gaze in sad desire.

VII.

Seem they not, in piteous accents,
Sighing, "Miseremini!"
"O, ye loved ones, now so blissful,
Let us not forgotten be.
There all weary ones are restful,
There the sad are full of joy,
There is peace and light unfading,
There sweet love without alloy!"

DEDICATION-TO THE DREAMER.

Thou hast passed the mystic portals Seen in dreamland when a child; Thou hast heard a blissful sentence From our loving Saviour mild. Art thou still in patient longing For eternal peaceful rest? Or, 'midst white-robed virgins singing To the Lamb with gladness blest? Ah! we know not,—God has folded Round thy soul the veils of love, But soft whispers in our prayer-time Seem to breathe thou art above.