

MIZPAH.

"The Lord watch between thee and me when we are absent one from another."

I.

Go thou thy way and I go mine—
 Apart ; yet not afar ;
 Only a thin veil hangs between
 The pathway where we are ;
 And, "God keep watch 'tween thee and me,"
 This is my prayer.
 He looks thy way, He looketh mine,
 And keeps us near.

II.

I know not where thy road may lie,
 Or which way mine will be ;
 If mine will lead through parching sands,
 And thine beside the sea ;
 Yet "God keeps watch 'tween thee and me,"
 So never fear.
 He holds thy hand, He claspeth mine,
 And keeps us near.

III.

Should wealth and fame perchance be thine
 And my lot lowly be,
 Or you be sad or sorrowful,
 And glory be for me ;
 Yet "God keeps watch 'tween thee and me,"
 Both be His care,
 One arm 'round thee and one 'round me,
 Will keep us near.

IV.

I sigh sometimes to see thy face,
 But since this may not be,
 I'll leave thee to the care of Him,
 Who cares for thee and me.
 "I'll keep thee both beneath my wings."
 This comforts, dear.
 One wing o'er thee and one o'er me.
 So we are near.

V.

And though our paths be separate,
 And thy way is not mine ;
 Yet coming to the mercy seat,
 My soul will meet with thine.
 And "God keep watch 'tween thee and me,"
 I'll whisper there,
 He blesseth thee, He blesseth me,
 And we are near.