

Isobel, throwing her arms round the lassie; "Oh, my bonnie Nan! what did she make up her mind to do?"

Kirsty told me afterwards how they had halted right under her window, and she heard the whole talk, and saw Nannie draw herself up straight, and lift her face, smiling, but white as the dead, to Miss Isobel.

"Miss Isobel, Miss Isobel," she said, and her voice had a sound in it like a shudder of the waves falling back over the pebbles when the tide is going out; "Miss Isobel, will you take me away somewhere where I may stay till—till they are married?"

THE REST OF FAITH.

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THE sunlight gleams and fades from mount and vale,
The twilight shades creep over hill and dale,
Clasped hands of darkness o'er my sight prevail,
But I am not afraid.

Deep chills now linger where the sunbeam's fire
My life did warm with love, and fond desire
To live, and grow, and dwell, nor e'en aspire
For any life more fair.

Now, as life's summer sun sinks in the West,
And evening dews descend to cool my breast,
And weariness steals o'er me seeking rest,
Fain would I fall on sleep.

With humble fare my table has been spread,
Thy crusts, Lord, better are than Mammon's bread,
The water turned to wine I crave instead
Of other draughts than thine.

My gifts and graces Lord are small and poor
So weak am I; How dost Thou still endure
To bear with me, and in Thy breast secure
Let me in love abide?

My tears have been my meat both day and night,
I walk in darkness groping for the light,
Waiting the star of eventide, so bright
That sorrows flee away.

And as in doubt and weariness I stand,
And long for the firm pressure of a hand
To lead me down the cold and wave-washed strand
Of death, Thou dost appear,

And lo, I hear a voice above the roar
Of the wild breakers dashing on the shore—
"I'll with thee and shall keep thee evermore.
Weak one, there is no death—

"No death to him who clings with trust full strong
To love's right arm, as strong as it is long,
Lean on My arm, and lo, thine evening song
Shall frighten death away."

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