

Poetry.

"A LITTLE WHILE."

FROM THE GERMAN OF META HAUPTER

"A little while!" so spake our gracious Lord
To the sad band around that sad board,

Take thou the message, weeping, weary one!
Are not all things around thee hastening on?

Have all the lights of love quite died away?
Does thy last star withdraw its cheering ray?

Do friends misunderstand or mock thy pain?
Hast thou too fondly trusted, loved in vain?

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