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OHRISTMAS,
MORNING OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY.

(BY JOHN MILTON.)

the monthy find this the happy morn,
the Sod of Heavon's Eternal King,
ed Maid and Virgin Mother born,
ts redsupption from above did bring,
our deadly forfest should release,
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enly Muse, shall not thy sacre ord a present to the Infant-God? st thou no verse, no hymn, or so

trod.

Hath took no print of the approaching light,
And all the spangled host keep watch in
squadrons bright?

See, how from far, upon the eastern road,
The star-led wizards haste with odours

O run, prevent them with thy humble ode, And lay it lowly at his blessed feet; Have thou the honour first by Lord to greet And join thy voice unto the Angel quire, From out his secret altar fouch'd with hal low'd fre.

HELENA GRAHAM.

THE BRIDE'S SACRIFICE.

CHAPTER XIII.

When Herbert and the doctor entered, Jessie, who had anxiously waited for this opportunity, seeing Mrs. Ben busily engaged, touched her husband's arm, and whispering "follow me" left the house. He unhesitatingly obeyed, and overtook her near the end of the garden, where, pale and troubled, she stood, leaning against a tree.

"Well, Jessie, what is it?" he asked, in surprise.

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"Herbert," she said, lifting her re-proachful eyes to his face, "Felena Gra-ham was here last night!"

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"O Herbert! she told me all—how you had deceived her, and deceived me! O Herbert! how could you c'o so?"
"Deceived her?—deceived you? I do not understand, Jessie," he said coldly.
"O Herbert! you do! You promised to love only her—to marry her; yet you deceived her and, married me!"
"Well, a moment ago, you said I deceived you, likewise. And how, I pray you, madam? Go on," he said, with a sneer.

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"You made me your wife whilst pledged to another!"

"Which, doubtless, causes you a great deal of sorrow," he said, in a tone of slight pique; for, though his passion for Jessie was dying away, he could not endure the thought, as yet, of her forgetting him!

think I had been the cause of her misery!"

"Then she did seem despairing?" he said, while his face flushed.

"Oh, yes! almost orazed, mad, frenzied. Her eyes seemed killing me!"

"Who could have told her?—not you?" he explaimed, suddenly.

"Oh, no—no! I do not know how she heard it; but she knew all."

"What! our ruarriage and all?" he cried, starting up, and speaking in a tone that made Jessie start back.

"No; she did not know that. But—-"
"You did not dare to tell her?" he said, almost threateningly.

"Oh! why will you speak to me in that tone, dearest Herbert?" I did not mean to reproach you."

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"But may I not tell her, Herbert? She wanted me to give you up; and I thought she would have killed me because I refused. I fear she may come again; and indeed, such another interview would kill me! If she knew all she would desist. O Herbert, dearest, will you not tell her?"

"Not for the world—not for ten thousand worlds. Would you ruin me Jessie?" he exclaimed impetuously.

"Rain you, Herbert?" she said, faintly.
"My worldly prospects, I mean. My—Oh, the thing is impossible!" he said, vehemently, "I will not hear of it for a moment."

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"But you promised — "she began, in a choking voice.

"And will keep that promise when the proper time comes. At present it is impossible—utterly impossible, I tell you. You must have faith in me, and wait, Jessie."

Jessie."
Faith! Was he worthy of it? The thought arose in the mind of Jessie, to be instantly banished, as she heroically kept back her rising tears, and strove to say, in a calm voice—

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"Wait! But for how long? Herbert, this secrecy is dreadul—this deception weighs on my heart like lead!"
"I do not know—I cannot tell. How often have I said, when the proper time comes, when I may safely avow it, all shall be revealed? Jessie, you are self-ish—you have no consideration for any one but yourself. If I loved you better than Miss Graham, you should be the last one to reproach me with it. Take care that many such seeness as this do not banish that love altogether!"
His deeply-ffended tone sent the coidness of death to the very heart of Jessie, She had not meant to auger him, and now he was deeply displeased. He had never looked nor spoken to herso before. And totally overcome, she covered her face with her hands, and wept aloud.
He was not proof against her tears. All the old tenderness returned at the sight, and going over, he removed her hands, saying, gently—"My dearest love, forgive me. I was vexed, surprised, grieved and in the wrong. Look up, little wife—lift those blue eyes, and say you forgive me."

Before she could reply, a footstep was heard approaching, and she had only time to bestow on him one look of love and pardon and dart away ere Captain Graham came in view.

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