

And directions he left that an old leathern
 shoe,
 Should both measure their value and dignity
 too.

So said Boaz, " Bold kinsman, thy word hath
 been passed,
 And Elimelech's heritage mine stands at last ;
 And this Moabite Ruth, Mahlon's wife, as these
 prove,
 Is mine own now forever to hold and to love."

With glad voice from these elders burst at
 once their reply :
 " May full blessing from Heaven's realm ever
 prove nigh ;
 As with Leah and Rachel, which did Israel's
 house build,
 So with children's bright laughter too thine
 home be filled."

But Naomi's deep happiness who shall un-
 fold ?
 In her arms when her daughter's sweet child
 she might hold ;