

What of That?

Tired? Well, what of that?
Did'st fancy life was spent on beds of ease
Fluttering the rose leaves scattered by
the breeze?
Come, rouse thee! Work while it is
called day;
Forward, rise! Go forth upon the way.

Lonely? And what of that?
Some must be lonely! 'Tis not given
to all
To feel a heart responsive rise and fall—
To blend another life into its own.
Work may be done in loneliness. Work
on.

Dark? Well, and what of that?
Did'st fondly dream the sun would
never set?
Did'st fear to lose the way? Take cour-
age yet!
Learn thim to walk by faith and not by
sight—
Thy steps will guided be, and guided
right.

Hard? Well, what of that?
Did'st fancy life one summer holiday
With lessons none to learn and naught
but play?
Go! Get thee to thy task! Conquer or
die!
It must be learned: learn it then
patiently.

No help? Nay, 'tis not so!
Though human help be far, thy God is
nigh,
Who feeds the ravens, hears His chil-
dren cry.
He's near thee, wheresoe'er thy steps
may roam,
And He will guide thee, light thee,
help thee home.

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