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HERE is gladness in Kilburn, the Juniors have joy.
To welcome among them another new boy,
Who before he has learnt to salute them by name,
Has mingled with zest in each favorite game;
In cricket and football a champion is he;—
William Howe is their model of charity.

There is sorrow in Belmont, the Novices mourn,
Brother Howe from amongst them is ruthlessly torn.
The vocation is there by infallible token,
But his strength is all gone, and his health is down-broken;
He must bid sad adieu to the Oblates of Mary,
Though his heart's ardent love for them never shall vary.

Once more there is joy as he asks but to enter
Yet again as a novice at Tewksbury Centre.
His strength has return'd, but no earthly temptation
Can induce him to swerve from his life-long vocation;
Thus he comes and is welcom'd a Novice once more,
Like a mariner saved from a treacherous shore.