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ALWAYS A RIVER TO CROSS.

There's always a river to cross ;
Always an effort to make,
If there's anything good to win,
Any rich prize to take.
Yonder's the fruit we crave,
Yonder the charming scene ;
But deep and wide, with a troubled tide,
Is the river that runs between.

For the treasures of precious worth
We must patiently dig and dive ;
For the places we long to fill
We must push and struggle and strive ;
And always and everywhere
We'll find in our onward course
Thorns for the feet, and trials to meet,
And a difficult river to cross.

The rougher the way that we take,
The stouter the heart and the nerve,

The stones in our path we break,
Nor e'er from our impulse swerve,
For the glory we hope to win
Our labors we count no loss ;
'Tis folly to pause and murmur because
Of the river we have to cross.

So, ready to do and to dare,
Should we in our places stand,
Fulfilling the Master's will,
Fulfilling the soul's demand ;
For though as the mountains high
The billows may rear and toss
They'll not overwhelm if the Lord's at the helm
When the difficult river we cross.

If any thing unkind you hear
About some one you know, my dear,
Do not, I pray you, it repeat
When you that same one chance to meet:
For such news has a leaden way
Of clouding o'er a sunny day.

But if you something pleasant hear
About some one you know, my dear,
Make haste, make greater haste 'twere well
To her or him the same to tell :
For such news has a golden way
Of lighting up a cloudy day.

Mrs Miller

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