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BY REV. HORATIUS BONAR, D. D.

And whence this weariness,
This gathering cloud of gloom?
Whence this dull weight of loneliness,
These greedy cravings for the tomb?
These greedier cravings for the hopes that lie
Beyond the tomb, beyond the things that die;
Beyond the smiles and joys that come and go,
Fevering the Spirit with their fitful flow;
Beyond the circle where the shadows fall;
Within the region where my God is all.

It is not that I fear
To breast the storm or wrestle with the wave,
To swim the 'orrent or the blast to brave,
To toil or suffer in this day of strife
As He may will, who gave the struggling life,
But I am home-sick!

It is not that the cross
Is heavier than the drooping frame can bear,
Or that I find no kindred heart to share
The burden, which, in these last days of ill,
Seems to press heavier, sharper, sorer still—
But I am home-sick!

It is not that the snare
Is laid around for my unwary feet,
And that a thousand wily tempters greet
My slippery steps, and lead me far astray
From that safe guidance of the narrow way—
But I am home-sick!

It is not that the path
Is rough and perilous, beset with foes,
From the first step down to its weary close,
Strewn with the flint, the briar and the thorn,
That wound my limbs and leave my raiment torn—
But I am home-sick!

It is not that the sky
Is darkly sad, and the unloving air
Chills me to fainting; and the clouds that
there
Hang over me seem signal clouds unfurled,
Portending wrath to an unready world—
But I am home-sick!

It is not that the earth
Has grown less bright and fair—that these
gray hills,
These ever-lapsing, ever-lulling rills,
And these breeze-haunted woods—that ocean
clear,
Have now become less beautiful, less dear—
But I am home-sick!

Let me, then, weary be!
I shrink not—murmur not;
In all the homelessness, I see
The Church's pilgrim-lot;
Her lot until her absent Lord shall come,
And the long homeless here, shall find a home.

Then no more weariness!
No gathering cloud of gloom;
Then no dull weight of loneliness
No greedy cravings for the tomb;
For death shall then be swallowed up of life,
And the glad victory shall end the strife!

Even a heavy head, if a guilty and forfeited head, ought not to be any man's protection from justice.

It is a happy kingdom, when the end of one good reign is the beginning of another.

Many ruin themselves, because they know not, when they are well off.

Sinners, by presuming on God's patience, often treasure up wrath to themselves.