## mof longey istife?

mol longer islife Y", I hope," said Nursie: "Elod only knows Nursiens and years for those that are
 mpe, for littl till and think I might better be an nearer together: I toem nearer and angel, for then I could sit and look at $t$ the first to reach out the hand, who was God."
"Nursie," said Lauchie, another "therest noone fut vou to lote me here; you carried me into your heart divuluad
you? I couldn't get into thath you? I couldn't get into thatrd to lift
lame, you know, and they fation mei... When I get to Nursie, I can Hy
will let me, $t$ think."
Years and years for some people, bot
onld daiss and nars fora cripplesporid only dars anchie's case, and wo one day
true in Laut he was put into a dainty cea ket and
brought to the parlor. where they strewed the white roses around the fairest flower of them all. Lruchie's first visit to the parlor, and he came in state too. little dead bor can walk, and Lauchie, with twistel feet under buds and blossom,
formity. He was as any other dead boy purs forever. In these days of easy dimother bent over him alone, he was this link, and thank God for it Lauchie still to them ; only-they loved him now-" dear Lauchie!
, flesh, hoped be might
The little flowers Lauchie's hand clasped so tightly were all showeredover casped soas with ears-rell sorrow tears; and all house where stories were told all round through the lovely golden curis the by-boys like himself. There were stories
shining drops lay glistening. Yes, told abour Lauchie was loved at last; but to what $\begin{aligned} & \text { told ahout robbers, and stories about } \\ & \text { ghosts-foolish stories! And }\end{aligned}$ purpose had he spent even days and about poor tovs who went And stories days in the world? Of what earthly use don and be rame great men; and stor had Lauchie the cripple, been to the about s:ilor boys who had been ship father and mother who mourned him wrecked and cast on desert islands in now? Lauchie iad breathed the ques- the midst of the tumbling sea-fine $\begin{aligned} & \text { con to himself many times, and had } \text { stories! It was a very pleasant sight } \\ & \text { mourfully answered it as many, br } \\ & \text { to see the fire blazing on the hearth }\end{aligned}$ shaking his gold-crowned head and and the boys all seated within its light, murmuring. "No use at all; my life is each telling his story in bis turn. Days passed. How lonely the house entirely happr at the fireside but fo Nursie nursery now; Lauchie and one little fear. In the street where he down the stairs. childish song. All was in that elegant mansion; but and the monuments grew over buried hopes, was a little mound and a shaft of white and that was all it said; but it meant very much to two who came thereMonths and went so lonely.
went by. Lauchie's father and mother bad become estranged--had broken the vow, "until death us do part ;" and without law, remainel no
longer as man and wife. Friends besought them, tried their best to reminister and his Church ditto; it availed nothing. Theither would bat they were proud, and reconciliation. They wete one no longer unmistakably they were two. They shared nothing in common; but, though they owned it not, their hearts ached, and they were unhappy. passed since God made Two years Somehow, on the anniversary of his death, the boy had come most forcibly to would, and stirred their hearts. The tired, wearv man, in his wretched bome reaches out longingly towards his boy The restless, lonely woman, paces her room; and whispers, "Lauchie,' dear Luuchie," with quivering lips. west, frother the east, and she from the for love, comfort, somer, go searching tion, at the grave of Lome sort of consola "My Lauchie," murmurs the father, "My Lauchie," m creeping slowly onward
West, both the east ard she from the their grie sorbed in themselves and white marble column everything has been $m y$ months past raising their eyes, through which their hungry souls look forward wich their Lauchie greets the glance of oach, our terane, as the word corrects their utThere they encounter one another . Chey stand, " my" on the lips of
still saw nothing but the black, wet night. He cried more bitterly thany be?
fore. He cried as if his heart would break-"I wish-I wish I were a bome !"
While e saw a star of light twinkling through the gloom. It came nearer and nearer and grew bigger the nearer it came.
Joy! It was light from his father' house! His brother, carrying a lantern, had come to fetch him home. It wa as if daylight had come back again. Hin
crying was at an end; his tears wer dried up. He became bold as a lion The fear of the graveyarl went away and he stepped out into the darkness
with a smile on his face. His brother vas by his side, and the light of his bro ther's lantern would light him home Now Christ does for his dying brobers and sisters just what this boy's
brother did for him. He comes for them with light from their Father' lead them home.
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