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Lost—A Child.

Lost!—in the shadow of the street ;
 Lost!—on the highway and the
 plain,—
 A child of God. If you should meet
 To-day again
 The poor, marred face, the aimless feet,
 The clouded eyes that haunt your sleep
 at night
 With dreams of burned-out suns, all
 ashen white,
 Lost from their orbits ; derelicts of time,
 Dismantled, drifting in the ways of
 crime,—

Turn, turn, thou brother of the poor,
 And touch him with thine eyes, thy
 hand,
 Thy voice, that so the sunken shore
 Of that lost land
 He knew long since, but knows no
 more,—
 The heaven of his infancy,—may rise,
 Holding enshrined in calm his mother's
 eyes,—
 The room, the home, the garden, and the
 gate,
 From which he wandered far, and long,
 and late.

He holds no more the golden clew ;
 He saw it trailing in the dust.
 Last light in dreams, its heavenly hue
 Dulled with red rust.
 But take the hand he cannot give, and
 you
 May lead him to the door of that dim
 room
 Wherein his mother's eyes light all the
 gloom,
 (Hark,—through the years long dead !)
 "Thou little child of God," she crooning
 said,
 "I bind thee,—bind thee with this golden
 thread,
 And angels wind and wind the ball that
 brings
 The children home from all their wander-
 ings."