And the glorious song continues, bright success is coming fast,

But again the light is fading, and the sky is over-

Hark the pealing of the thunder, hear the raging of the blast,

See the flashing lightning's chain!

Will the gallant craft go under? Will that slimy serpent thing

That again is creeping upward, choke the song of youth and spring?

Aye, 'twill never loose its victim till it strike its deadly sting

Deep within his broken heart,

List, 'tis hissing through the music like the serpent's cruel brood,

Friends and home and name have perished, he is lacking daily food,

He's an outcast and a wand'rer, by that very set eschewed

Who first sped the fiery dart.

Yes, the pleasant song is ended, mark the working of the spell

That has changed the march of triumph to a very dirge of hell,

He is sinking to his doom;

And the broken measure halteth, -rises - falls, - a dying knell!

There is stillness in the room.