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Touched by the love for that far-distant form.

Which holds a charm, no human lip can tell,

O sad the day, dear heart, when thou was borne,

From out the vale of Love's enchanted dell!

Touched by the love for that sweet noble face,

Which fills the long, lone hours and weary days;

O hard, the parting soul can ne'er erase From the tomb of Time's sad yesterdays!

Touched by the love for that dear, human voice

Which thrills the inner being o'er and o'er,

O beautiful, those songs of earthly choice From which God shows the pearly gates once more!