

I am Going Home.

What a world of meaning in these words! What music to a wanderer's ear? How it quickens our pulses and sends memory surging back, bringing on its return the rocks and quicksands of time the recollection of the happy days of yore.

"I am going home," says the school-boy as he rests his head upon his hand, and with open book before him endeavors to commit to memory the lesson for the morrow; but memory is wandering far away to the happy days long since past, carrying him back to his childhood's home, his early associates, and his book is a perfect blank.

"I am going home," says the merchant rising from his chair, and closing the ledgers which have occupied his attention through the long, weary day. He gives a few orders to his clerks, and drawing on his coat hastens to meet the loved ones. The smile that plays around his mouth speaks plainly of the pleasure he is anticipating in the reunion.

"I am going home," says the sailor on the wide ocean, as he paces to and fro upon the deck of his homeward-bound vessel. The waves dash high against the sides of the ship, and breaking scatter their tiny drops around him; he heeds them not, is unconscious that the wind is screaming through the masts and threatening to hurl him beneath the rolling waves. His thoughts are far away, and lifting his hand to screen his eyes from the glaring sun-light, gazes with an entranced look for some familiar token in the distance to indicate that he is nearing home.

"I am going home," says the wounded soldier, comrades gather around the war-worn and scathed veteran, for a moment envying him the pleasure and home care he so much needs. Within one of our best hospitals he had received every attention the inmates were capable of bestowing, but day by day strength declined. The surgeons recommended change of air, and he is now going home. His eyes sparkle and his flushed cheeks tell of an inward excitement which thoughts of the future occasion. Though disease preys on him, not a happier man can be found in the camp, for those musical words resound in his ears.

"I am going home," says the dying Christian, while her body is racked with pain. No sigh, no complaint, not even a murmur escapes those parched lips; only these words, accompanied by a prayer by a heavenly smile breaking over those wasted features. "All is peace; I am going home." Already she realizes what joys are awaiting her, sees the angels with their crowns, hears the music, beholds her Jesus. She is almost home.

We are all going home; we are journeying swiftly down the rugged path of life to a better home—a home unadorned with earthly objects which perish; where our friends, having been justified, sanctified, and made fit subjects for such a lovely place will receive us with songs of praise. A beautiful home where there is no night or darkness; where temptations never come. A home that sin never enters; where no household band is broken, but where God's smiling countenance lights the city, making it to shine in resplendent glory. The faces of those dwelling there are never clouded with anger. Harsh words are never spoken. All following the example of Jesus, their faces catching the light that falls from His scatter the same effulgent rays around. What a beautiful home! No tongue has expressed or pen portrayed the happiness, beauty and glory which continually reigns in our mansion on high! Who would not wish to be accounted worthy to dwell amid the undying splendor?

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