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THE WEB OF YEARS.

From out of the loom of time the years
Unroll a fabric all must wear:
The woof of joys, the warp of tears,
Are spun by moving hopes and fears
And pressed by weighty, rolling care.

What measure unto each is given?
A span may gauge the greatest parts;
And yet the least from earth to heaven

Doth reach, as in the quiet even,
Short prayers sent up from children's
hearts.

The web too quickly for us all
Is wove, while pass the shuttles fleet;
And when the threads have ceased to fall,
Death throws it o'er us as our pall,
Or round us as our winding-sheet.