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## CHAPTER VI

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"How would it be," began Sam, after a long silence, "seeing we're so near, to step across the bridge and let the engineer boy know we're all right. He may have worried."

Marsden smiled. He had expected some suggestion more to the point, intimate, main-line, instead of side-track or spur-line; however—Sam Haig was a man of sentiment. Such a thought, at such a moment, was entirely in his character.

"He's not a worrying kid from what I saw of him," answered Marsden. "I maybe don't know all men as well as I reckoned, but I'm sure he's no worrying kid. You give him credit for feeling the way you might——"

"Or discredit," said Sam, "for feeling the way I felt once."

Marsden launched him his sidelong stab of a glance.

"Anyone who says such a thing to me about you I surely ain't going to be patient with," he announced. "And if ever I talked to you as if I thought you were unfit for a hard world I take it