Unto her darkest day!

As shuts the outer door,
When those we love are gone,
So suddenly we feel,
That we are left alone:—

But call we them in life,
And they will hear our voice,—
And come—and go—and come,
For then there is a choice!

But 'tis not so in death!

Once pass'd that outer door,
What call from love or wealth,
Can bring them as before?

They lay the dead in state,
And drop the burial tear,
And crape the palace halls,
But ah the grief is here!

No more his princely form, Good mother, Queen, and wife,