

This poem was composed and written
by the pate Joseph Laughin, Sr., Bowmanville, about the year 1862 .,
Dear boynood days when 1 loved to By the pleasant rills that did gently Dlay, the meadows green;
Where by the lark poured forth its tuneThrough't the long, long summer day,
When 1 caught the trout if the mur-
muring stream.
sere the days of happiness, That passed away in innocpencess,
And few were the cares of the mor And few were the cares of the morrow prime,
Free elighting hand
Or life's the perplexing sorrow. Dear boyhood days, how you've passed
Left me far in the Your fleeting breath to mourn Your fleeting breath to mourn,
for sorrow 1 of mourn my frate
But, ah, alas, alas, to tate The verdant groves where oft I've been,
My strolls along the haưted strean, The hills oft wandered o'er,
My byyish footprints in the Al hese bright visions haunt mee so
They oppress my heart full sore. The . hawthorns robed in richest bloon
Where the linnet sang its love-strained Where oft I've lingered near;
The primrose and the daisy The primrose and the daisy gay,
Where I and brother oft dld play;
Ah, ain't these memories dear? My parents, whom I loved most dear
Their voices Ino longer hear;
All these have possed hew The brother and sister group so dear
We all are partied far and near,
This long and The bld door-stone where at evening Mother listenied to the echildish prate
Of the liflle group OI the iille group going on;
The room where slood my little bed,
Where mother pillowed oft my headAll these loved scenes are gone. Ah, can these memories pass away,
Or from my memory eer decay?
Ah, never, never, never Ah, never, never, never,
Till deallis hall end my very last day
And take me trom this lif e away-
Then IIl remember ever. But why nee. I lament my fate,
O: mourn now when it is too late? Flope bids me look beyond the lomb
Where boyhood's days again shal come,
Never, never, to pass again. Farevell my boyhood's days on eartn;
Farewell sweet days of manhood's You've all pass d like a dream.
FFialth's anchred now beyond the skies, Or endless, rills and fadeles.s. joys,
Where IIl be a boy again. There is an. old-fashioned precaution
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