

GOING WEST

“For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.”

“Yes,” he said to her, “that is what has happened to me. Death has been swallowed up in victory. If strength and energy and safety and joy constitute victory, then I’m victorious. If it were not for you, O my love—”

But she closed her book suddenly and rose. As she did so he could hear the words she uttered, almost aloud.

“I must do that,” she said, with determination. “It’s what he’d like. I must take it on myself.”