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The Path Through the Snow

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Bare and sunshiny, bright and bleak, Rounded cold as a dead maid's cheek, Folded white as a sinner's shroud, Or wandering angel's robe of cloud— Well I know, well I know Over the fields the path through the spow.

Narrow and rough it lies between Wastes where the wind sweeps, biting keen;

keen;
Every step of the slippery road
Marks where some weary foot has trod;
Who'll go, who'll go
After the rest on the path through the snow.

They who tread it must walk alone, Silent and steadfast—one by one; Dearest to dearest can only say, "My heart! I'll follow thee all the way, As we go, as we go
Each after each, on this path through
the snow."

It may be under that western haze Lurks the omen of brighter days:
That each sentinel tree is quivering
Deen at its core with the sap of spring,
And while we go, while we go,
Green grassblades pierce the glittering
snow.

It may be the unknown path will tend It may be the unknown path will tend Never to any earthly end, Die with the dying day obscure, And never lead to a human door; That none know who did go Patiently once on this path through the snow.

No matter, no matter! the path shines plain! These pure snow crystals will deaden

pain:

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Above, like stars in the deep blue uain,
Eyes that love us look down and mark.
Let us go, let us go
Whither heaven leads in the path
through the snow.

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