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## THE AUTUMNAL GUEST.

Tun erbwn from the forehead of summer
Had dropt, the dim woodlands were sare,
When there entered our home a strange comer,
Afar from the kingdom of fear,
In the invalidation of the year.

Ha darkened our doors, and the hours, Once opening like myrtles in bloom, Were blighted as if they were flowers That droop in the shade of the temb-That wither and die in its gloom.

There came to our cheek a strange paller, Our words grow unfrequent and low, But one of our number with valor Smiled aweet on that terrible fee, As the rose on the cold falling snow.

My star of the night and the morning,
My joy and my beauty was she.
Then came to my heart a forewarning,
A blast from the winter to be, The winter that waileth in me;

And I knew that my kingdom of summer Must fade, and its crown disappear.

O I pitiless grew that dread comer,
Afar from the kingdom of fear, In the desolate fall of the year.

Strange that hearts can live on after breaking t-At midnight my durling was dead. Her bosom had rest from its aching, Fond bosom her babies that fed-Pare bosom that pillowed my head.

A grave 'neath the pines for my keeping,
He left me, that sorrowfulguest,
A soul that is weary with weeping,
A world that in shadow is drest,
A life that is wild with unrest.

No more, never more to behold her!-I hwake by degrees to my loss.

I feel the cold world growing colder:
On sorrows drear ocean I to s; I faint 'neath the load of my cross

Yet high in the infinite summer, Beyond the pale kingdom of fear, God's angels have crowned a new comer; She similes from her beautiful sphere; She calls me—the morning is near.

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