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Original Poetry.

[The following lines have been called forth by the recent death of one of the most interesting children; whose winning manner and affectionate disposition had created a strong attachment for him not only in the bosom of his own family, but among a numerous body of friends.—Ed.]

MY BROTHER.

Why throbs with grief extreme this aching heart? Why all these burning tears upon my cheek?

A few days since with buoyancy and health, He, all unconscious of his hastening doom, Dwelt joyously on moments fond,—and talked With youthful hope of pleasures yet to come.

Even now, I view, as then, that lovely form, Those glowing eyes, that radiant countenance: I hear his ringing laugh, his fond embrace: I feel—all purity, all innocence.

'Tis past—tell me where's my brother now? Oh! can it be his spirit's fled away— His eyes are closed, his voice is hushed in death, And soon that body also must decay?

Oh! can it be he'll sound thy name in vain, Thy nimble form will ne'er again reach forth To welcome with fraternal tenderness A loving brother to th' paternal hearth?

Oh! can it be I ne'er again will hear Reverberating from thy lips my name, Nor hear thee, on my knee, in accents sweet Some new-found pleasure joyously proclaim?

Alas! 'tis true,—for by thy couch I watched Life ebbing drop by drop away,—beheld, With bursting heart, thy frame, once vigorous, change Into a perfect skeleton,—and wailed!

I saw thy up-turned eyes, thy pallid cheeks, I viewed thy torturing agony, and heard Thy frantic cry, "Thy God! my God! my God!" And had not power to lend the feeble aid.

But, lo! at the moment's come, convulsions cease His frame—he gasps for breath—then peaceful lies— Our Father whispers, "do you know me dear?" "Yes, Pa," the sufferer lips,—then tranquil dies.

Oh! God, thou comforter, give strength, give grace To bear with resignation all thy will, Oh! meet attention to our good, We'll meet him then, with joy on "Zion's Hill!" Nov. 13th, 1854. G. R. A.

Are you insured?

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