

Lines written on a Silver Chain by Eldress
Ruth L. & brot by S. J. to M. H. May 1st 1861.

Says your blessed Mother Ann, O my
well beloved child, press on your way heaven-
ward patiently & cheerfully thro' crosses and
trials, knowing the reward is sure, for noth-
ing shall pass unnoticed by your Mother in
Heaven. - Thro' deep tribulation & severe suf-
ferings did I tread the path before you; with
my purest love have I paved it, & left it
for you to travel in. So fear not to follow
your Mother in the straight narrow path.

Within this Heavenly Chain of my everlasting
peace & blessing there's perfect safety - no harm
can come; O then be of good cheer my beloved
faithful crossbearing child - End of the Chain.

Surely says Eldress Ruth - O Mary how
comforted you must be with these few words
from your blessed Mother, & rest ye assured I
will never forget you, but will ever remain
your kind loving & affectionate friend, while
you remain in time, & meet you in sweet