

## The Completed Mission.

The night watch all weary was over;  
 The life-line, secretly was drawn,  
 The Angel harvester lingered one <sup>moment,</sup>  
 Then hurriedly hastened on.

A rustle so slight gave the warning,  
 Scarce heard in the silence around,  
 The foot fall so light in its coming,  
 Gave never a token of sound.

Surprised, at what seemed an intrusion  
 From one whom a greeting never spake,  
 We arose and asked what the mission?  
 Then followed the stranger apace.

But she fleet-footed ~~footed~~ <sup>all</sup> agile  
 Moved on with Electrical Speed  
 Not thinking that those who followed  
 Had claims which she still should heed.  
 Bereaved and dismayed we halted  
 And looked once again to the rear,  
 And behold! a finger was indexed  
 To a lone and empty chair.

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With longing we cried for a meaning,  
 And asked for our loved one once more,  
 When silently forth from the mystic  
 an Angel opened ~~opened~~ a door.

Hush! said the voice of sweet wisdom,  
 Why make this selfish mistake.  
 Remember, the God who giveth  
 Hath also power to take.  
 And now though your treasure seems <sup>taken</sup>  
 The sister spirit so dear  
 Was only loaned for a season  
 To give the earth-life cheer.  
 All carefully ended her mission,  
 Her life work completed in time,  
 The Master has called home her spirit  
 Back to its fountain divine.  
 And thus in the light of God's wisdom,  
 Do the issues of life go forth  
 And growing on to perfection,  
 Return to their infinite source.  
 And though we may never be certain  
 Of the hour when our Lord may call,

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We know we must answer the summons  
When he gather his jewels all.  
And we know that by living <sup>and</sup> loving,  
And always doing our best  
Our labor of life will be heaven,  
And the end Sweet home and rest.

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