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Our lips are poor ministers of our hearts on this occasion; they have their paltry limitations; a deep emotion is circumscribed by a meager scope when tethered to the spoken word. The great pool of sorrow stored in the heart's deep well, is not reached by the buckets we lower of human speech. It were a profanation of the sweetest flower the stricken soul can bloom, could we coin into language and give to common gaze that which only sorrow may see. How sweet and gracious a thing is love chambered deep in the soul, secure from alien eyes, as the veiled Host guarded and watched by all the tribes of Israel.

The little child who has looked on life as an infinite and wondrous variety of beauty, change and motion, cannot understand why the dead mother does not yield it her caress; nor can we, grim with the experiences of life, reason why he is dumb to speech, cold to heartaches, unresponsive to the outcry of love, and marble to our tears.

Life has too many mysteries to be rounded by philosophy; it halts where the night hides its path, and from there on Faith gleams its star overhead, and Hope, the child of Love, beckons its finger. He who devised memory, implanted Faith; and life without this great triumvirate, of love, faith and hope, is time without an Almighty, and eternity without Omnipotence. Faith came with death; and on every planet that flies its way and turns its day to the sun, where death may be, this immortal solace blesses each broken heart. The ancients carved on their sarcophagi the symbol of faith, scored deep in the granite, to linger there as the story of their throbbing hearts.

It cannot be that there is no immortality for the good, the brave, the beautiful, the sweet, the true.

It cannot be that the hapless barks voyaging over the rough seas here, shall not make some sublimer port; that the care worn, helpless burden bearer here, shall not have a roadside rest at last, by the cooling waters and under the branching palms of some land that has banished sorrow.

It cannot be that beautiful, bountiful lives, whose journeys have been shining pathways here, shall end at our frontiers in chaos; that the purposeless, causeless world shall carry its dead, blind, cold and mute, without love or song or throb, through the un lapsing and eternal stretch of century and age, and hold them forever imbedded in its godless, glacier sea; where love no longer quickens a smile, nor mercy moves it with a prayer; the vast creation, echoless abysses, unreplying Alpine peaks, and memoryless voids.

Our dead brother had his doubts; the inequalities of life, its extremes of utter poverty and vast riches, the burdens, cares, sufferings of the many, of the same clay of others apparently enjoying the full of earth's bounties, distressed him with doubt. But he answered every doubt by dedicating his powers to relieve the distressed, to divide the burdens, to distribute the happiness and make earth the sweeter and dearer and better for all who came inside the Tavern gates. Mr. Overmyer's life was his religion. No creed hid his Creator; he limned the Jehovah as large as his splendid



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