Her brow was sad; her eye and nose Were very red and lachrymose, For just before, the bell had rung. Which called her with its brazen tongue To Algebra.

In many rooms she saw the light Of happy Middlers, gav and bright, She thought of quantities unknown. And from her lips escaped a groan,-" Oh! Algebra! "

"O stay," the Middlers cried, "and rest Thy head with radicals oppressed." A bright tear stood in either eye, But still she answered with a sigh, "No. Algebra!"

"Try not the problems." a Senior said, " Dark lower quadratics just ahead, Binomials-leave them all untried." And still the sobbing voice replied, "Oh! Algebra!"

"Beware the dark, mysterious x! Beware the surds and roots that vex!" She heeded not the words they said, But fast retreating to her bed Carried Algebra.

One night the teachers going round. That Junior in the space-way found, Still grasping, dreadful to relate, Together with her well-worn slate, An Algebra.

There, in the lamp-light, cold and gray, Lifeless but beautiful she lay. And from their rooms the Middlers cried. "Alas! Alas! that Junior died Of Algebra."

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