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May 4th 1840

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Stanzas

I'll not weep that thou art going to leave me There's nothing lovely here, And doubly will the dark world greive me While thy heart suffers there—

I'll not weep—because the summer's glory
Must always end in gloom
And follow out the happiest story,
It closes with a tomb—

And I am weary of the anguish Increasing winters bear— Weary to watch the spirit languish Through years of dead dispair—

So if a tear when thou art dying Should haply fall from me It is but that my soul is sighing To go and rest with thee—

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A.G.A. to A.S.

May 6th 1840 July 28th 1843

At such a time, in such a spot
The world seems made of light
Our blissful hearts remember not
How surely follows night—

I cannot, Alfred, dream of ought
That casts a shade of woe;
That heaven is reigning in my thought

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