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A LIFE SONG.

award and upward, the path lies before thee ; Seek to attain what thy spirit would win ; e's mystic portals are wide to unfold thee. baly be brave, thou shalt enter within.

When such a goal there is to be won; not, now, though the tempter be saying Fold up thy hands, for all labor is done," and be doing! in life's early morning-

Moments are pre ions -youth has none to spare : how the sunbeams thy sky is adorning; ben would'st thou sit down in quiet despair? be thou strong like the oak which has breasted

storms that have bowed the tall pine in his pride; are as the light which no darkness can hide. Never look downward, though clouds loom above thee

still let thy spirit be proud in its might; d not the world, should its phantoms allure thee the sunshine be darkened to night. ball the clory-dreams meet full fruition : the cold world in homage will bow; ill be sweet to know life hath a mission, on the hurel-wreath rests on the brow.

Selected Cale.

mong those who attended the first of the s levees, during the London season of 18-, mmarried gentleman of large fortune, Streatfield. While his carriage was ing slowly down St. James' street, he smooth such amusement and occupaas he could find in looking on the brilliant around him. The day was unusually fine, of spectators thronged the street and onies of the houses on either side of it, sing at the different equippages with as a curiosity and interest, as if fine vehid fine people inside them were the rarest of contemplation in the whole metropo rocceding at a slower and slower pace, attield's carriage had just arrived at middle of the street, when a longer stop-than usual occurred. He looked careup at the nearest balcony; and there, ome eight or ten ladies, all strangers he saw one face that riveted his atten-

which had struck him with such He was seized with that amiable

or else. On his return home, he had enments for the afternoon and the eveningorgot and broke them all : and walked to St. James' street as soon as he had

at was the old gentleman's name ?-Dims-Mr. Dimsdale's servant should be he hurried from the room.

Stupid as the servant was, and susenough to perceive that he was master of the house. by a gentleman, and gratitude enough

should travel round the whole circle of his acquaintance, high and low, rich and poor, in making the attempt. Arrived at the club, he began to inquire resolutely, in all directions, for a friend who knew Mr. Langley, of Langley Hall. He disturbed gastronomic gentlemen at their dinner; he interrupted agricultural men who were moaning over the prospects ner, being left vacant. Every one endeavored of the harvest; he startled literary gentlemen, to follow Mr. Langley's advice, and go through who were deep in the critical mysteries of the the business of the dinner as though nothing last Review; he invaded billiard room, dressing room, smoking room; he was more like a bly. Long blank pauses occurred in the confrantic ministerial whipper in, hunting up stray versation; general topics were started, but members for a division, than an ordinary man; and the oftener he was defeated in his object, of strangers than a meeting of friends; peo-the more determined he was to succeed. At the more determined he was to succeed. last, just as he was standing in the hall of the cumstomed to eat and drink; they talked in club house, thinking where he should go next, altered voices, and sat with unusual stillness, a friend entered, who at once relieved him of all his difficulties—a precions and inestimable and acquaintances, all alike perceived that man, who was on intimate terms with Mr. some great domestic catastrophe had happen Langley, and had been lately staying at Lang- ed; all foreboded that some serious, if not faley Hall. To this friend all the lover's cares tal explanation of Mr. Streatfield's conduct and anxieties were at once confided; and a would ensue; and it was vain and hopelessfitter depository for such secrets of the heart a very mockery of self-possession, to attempt could hardly have been found. He made no jokes, for he was not a bachelor; he abstained that recent events had left behind them, and from shaking his head and recommending prudence, for he was not a seasoned husband or of ordinary life. Still, however, Mr. Langley an experienced widower; what he really did, persisted in doing the honors of the table, in was to enter heart and soul into his friend's proceeding doggedly through all the festive

looking on it almost as often as he wished. It she had become more composed. When the was perfect Elysium. Mr. and Mrs. Langley man had spoken, Mr. Langly made no remark, saw little or no company. Miss Jane was always accessible, never monopolized; the light of her beauty shone day after day for her locked the door behind him as soon as he had entered the room. Mr Streatfield was already adorer alone; and his love blossomed in it, as waiting there; he was seated at the table, enfast as flowers in a hot-house. Passing by all deavoring to maintain an appearance of comminor details of the wooing to arrive the soon-er at the grand fact of the winning, let us simp-of the books before him. Mr. Langley drew er at the grand fact of the winning, let us simply relate that Mr. Streatfild's object in seeking a chair near him, and in low, but very firm an introduction to Mr. Langley, was soon ex- tones, began the conversation thus : plained, and was indeed visible enough long "I had given you two hours, sir, to collect man, an accomplished man, and a rich man.—
His two first qualifications conquered the daughter, and his third the father. In six weeks Mr. Streatfield was the accepted lover "What explanation can I make! what can of Miss Jane Langley. The wedding day was fixed; it was arranged that the marriage should take place at Langley Hall, whither the family proceeded, leaving the unwilling lover in London, a prey to all the inexorable of the same and the still not looking up.—

"There has been an unexampled error committed, a fatal mistake, which I could never days did the ruthless lawyers, those dead trol." days did the ruthless lawyers, those dead wingled, and sudden sensations, as He gazed and gazed on it, hardly here he was, or what he was doing no of yehicles began to move on the move seemed likely to be settled. But

He spoke mechanically, and moved arrived late, dinner was ready, he had barely time to dress and then bustle in the drawing-pied his thoughts, to the exclusion of evefriends and introductions to strangers being twin sister? nostponed till the party met round the dining

illed it but a few hours before, had de-d; but obstacles of all sorts now tended met the eyes of a young lady who was seated to stimulate Mr. Streatfield; he was de- opposite at the table. The guests near him, ined to ascertain the parentage of the young observing at the same moment that he contindetermined to look on the lovely face ued standing after every one else had been placa-the thermometer of his heart had risen ed, glanced at him inquiringly. To their as-Without loss of time tonishment and alarm, they observed that his opkeeper to whom the house belonged face had suddenly become deadly pale-his shribed to loquacity by a purchase. All rigid features looked struck by paralysis. Sevge go the levee. Nothing daunted, Mr. altered tones of which startled every one who ed questioned and questioned again .- heard him, "That is the face I saw in the balmions shopkeeper had no doubt that word more, either of explanation or apology,

hk in the chain of love's evidence, made at the table, looking on each other in speech-Strance. He was a pompous, portly less surprise. But before any one could either lo listened with solemn attention, with act or speak, almost at the moment when the silence again sank down over the company; absence. all stapid people are, he had never- they looked around, with one accord to the

Mr. Langley's face and manner sufficiently words. Mr. Langley appeared to be absorbed dbr a gentleman, and gratitude enough on siderably mollified by the handsome which was quietly slipped into his after much pondering and doubting, and neither by word or action did the world, and neither by word or action did the world, and neither by word or action did the world, and neither by word or action did the world, and neither by word or action did the world, and neither by word or action did the world, and neither by word or action did the world, and neither by word or action did the world, and neither by word or action did the world, and neither by word or action did the world, and neither by word or action did the world, and neither by word or action did the world, and neither by word or action did the world, and neither by word or action did the world, and neither by word or action did the world, and neither by word or action did distress and irritation of this days.

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street. More the servant stated that he could ed. Perhaps it was only a jest on Mr. Streat 'Clara,' you have still not excused your con- restrained himself. He rose from his seat, and clamation, she had loved him, she told us, fond- should not remain here at present; and—and field's part rather too serious a one, he must duct in my eyes. Remarkable as the resem- walked slowly backwards and forwards, deep ly and fervently; now, no explanation, no re- dear father-I have always been your spoilthe Misses Langley were the own. At any rate, whatever was the cause of blance is between the sisters-more remarka- in thought. Mr. Streatfield was too much pentance, (if either were tendered) no earthly ed child, and I know you will indulge me still. the interruption to the dinner, which had just the interruption to the dinner that the interruption that the inte ister, he was ready to carry any quire everybody to fast around the table of the yet a difference, and which, slight and indessilence in the room now, which lasted for some of atonement, to hold his rash engagement) I am away at my aunt's—if—" which he might be charged.

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contained only these words :- "Two hours | ter Jane, as the lady who had so much attract- ed to determine mentally on his proper course hence I shall expect to see you alone in the ed you?"

The dinner proceeded; the places occupied by the female members of the Langley family, and by the young lady who had attracted Mr. Streatfield's notice in so extraordinary a manhad occurred; but the attempt failed miseranever pursued. It was more like an assembly ple neither ate nor drank, as they were projects, for he was precisely in that position, the only position, in which the male sex generally take a proper interest in match-making; he beckened to one of his sons to take his he was a newly utarried man.

Two days after, Mr. Streatfield was the happiest of mortals; he was introduced to the lady of his love, to Miss Jane Langley. He really enjoyed the priceless privilege of looking once more on the face in the balcony, and the balcony, and the streat of the lady balcony more composed. When the lady balcony more composed. When the

efore the explanation. He was a handsome yourself, to consider your position fully; I

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the line of vehicles began to move on.—
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Grace had been said, the covers were taken Langley, angrily; "you must have heard over him a severe struggle to retain his assumed dled and fed them for so many days past, and firely departed from her face; it seemed absoe balcony was empty, the sight-seers, who off, the loud, cheerful hum of conversation and over again, that my children, Jane and

" On my word and honor I declare that-" "Spare me all appeals to your word and

honor, sir; I am beginning to doubt them." "I will not make the unhappy situation in spoken to me of her absent sister, Clara, but

it as anything but a mere caprice, a lover's ty, of an incredible accident, and were no alwayward fancy? I dismissed it from my mind lowances, under such circumstances, to be made it ceased to affect me, until to-day, when I first for him? He began to think they were. Rediscovered that it was a warning which I had flecting thus, he determined at length to promost unhappily disregarded; that a terrible ceed with moderation and caution at all hazerror had been committed, for which no one of ards; and regained composure enough to conus was to blame, but which was fraught with tinue the conversation in a cold, but still polite ere she became sufficiently composed to pro-

misery, undeserved misery, to us all." for your conduct, it is true, but will those reathe whisperings of calumny? will they carry conviction to those strangers to me, or enemies of mine, whose pleasure it may be to disbelieve of mine, whose pleasure it may be to disbelieve hint conveyed by Mr. Langley's last words.—

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'I entreat you to believe," replied Mr. pardon, both for what I said and did at your table to-day; but I cannot do more—I cannot and dare not pronounce the marriage vows to your daughter with my lips, when I know, that neither my conscience nor my heart can that neither my conscience nor my heart can ratify them. The commonest justice, and the particular in the left the food. The same evening he left the food. The same evening he left the food in the same evening he left the food in the same evening he left the food in the same evening he left the food. The same evening he left the food in the food in the same evening he left the food in the same evening he left the food in the food ratify them. The commonest justice, and the commonest respect towards a young lady who deserves both, and more than both, from every any one in the matter; and that as soon as "Is it possible! I own I had not antici-

"I have by no means forgotten what is due mated groups, and had echoed with merry begin to taink that it is not we who to you," continued Mr. Streatfield, "or what laughter. In one apartment, the fittings for guide her, but she who is to guide us." extered the palace, greeted his friends, characters, because of all sorts, the whole to conclude (in the play-bill phrase) with the grand climax of the wedding. Mr Streatfield the speaker palace, greeted his friends, characters, because of the speaker palace, greeted his friends, characters, because of the speaker palace, greeted his friends, characters, because of the whole time his palace, greeted his friends, characters, because of the whole time his palace, greeted his friends, characters, because of the whole time his palace, greeted his friends, characters, because of the whole time his palace, greeted his friends, characters, because of the whole time his palace, greeted his friends, characters, because of the whole time his palace, greeted his friends, characters of plays to the whole time his palace, greeted his friends, characters of plays to the whole time his palace, greeted his friends, characters of plays the whole time his palace, greeted his friends, characters of plays the whole time his palace, greeted his friends, characters of plays the whole time his palace, greeted his friends, characters of plays the whole time his palace, greeted his friends, characters of plays the whole time his palace, greeted his friends, characters of plays the whole time his palace, greeted his friends, characters of plays the whole time his palace, greeted his friends, characters of plays the whole time his palace, greeted his friends, characters of plays the whole time his palace, greeted his friends, characters of plays the plays t leaves of the book, which he still held while from it. Almost bewildered by the pressing ed billiard table, the position of the "cues" for the change that had taken place in his he spoke. "Why is it, intimate as I have been with your family, that I now know for assed by such a tunult of conflicting emotions | and balls showed traces of an interrupted game. | daughter since the day before; but he felt | Flowers were scattered on the rustic tables in startled, almost overwhelmed, as he now look fer his arm to Miss Jane, all greetings with the first time that Miss Jane Langley has a within him as he had never known before, he the garden, half made into nosegays, and be- ed on her. One of the poor girl's most promrisked the worst, with all the blindfold desper ginning to wither already. The very dogs linent personal attractions, from her earliest "Do you descend, sir, to subterfuge, when I ation of love. The angry flush was rising on wandered in a moody, unsettled way about the years, had been the beauty of her complexion; ask you for an explanation?" returned Mr. Mr. Langley's cheek; it was evidently costing house, missing the friendly hands that had fon- and now the freshness and the bloom had cu-

lieve that I am now speaking from my heart guests, Mr. Langley had a long interview with character of firmness and thoughtfulness, which on a subject (to me) of the most vital impor- his wife. He repeated to her the conversation which we are all placed, still worse, by an- tance. Place yourself in my situation; con- which had taken place between Mr. Streatfield sitting by on open window, commanding a swering your last words as I might at other sider all that has happened; consider that and himself, and received from her in return times feel inclined to answer them," said Mr this may be, for anght I know to the contrary such an account of the conduct of his daugh-Streatfield, assuming a calmer demeanor than the last opportunity I may have of pleading ter, under the trial that had befallen her, as on her knees-she was reading in it as would tell, in answer to their inquiries, was, eral of his friends spoke to him, but for the he had hitherto displayed. "I tell you the my cause; and then say whether it is possible filled him with equal astonishment and admihe had let lodgings to an elderly gentleand list wife, from the country, who had

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had l and his wife, from the country, who had some friends in their balcony to see the opposite, he abruptly exclaimed in a voice, the twins. Your daughter Jane, has frequently permission to retrieve my error, to—to—Mr. "As soon as the violent sy to do under such unparalleled circumstances as do; it hardly seemed to be our Jane who was self to my sister? If poor Clara should re-have now occurred. I will wait your time now speaking to us."

for his club, determined to discover some means of being introduced, in due form, to Miss Langpaper, and gave it to one of the servants.—

ley, before he slept that night, though he level that night, the level that night has night at the level that night has night ed you?"

You forget, sir," sejoined Mr. Streatfield, all its mysterious intricacies—to view it, extraordinary as it was, in its proper bearings, until to-day. Though both were in the balcony when I first looked up at it, it was Miss Clara Langley alone who attracted my attended that he had another daughter, besides the twin that the absent sister of Miss Jane Langley sons to settle in life. He was not rich enough off. Under the circumstances, could I regard truth, been the victim of a remarkable fatali-

"I will commit myself, sir, to no agreement misery, undeserved misery, to us all."

"These, Mr. Streatfield, are explanations which may satisfy you," said Mr. Langley, in a milder tone; "but they cannot satisfy me, a milder tone; "but they cannot satisfy me, clusive one either on your side or mine; but with Mr. Streatfield, or view his conduct the satisfy me, clusive one either on your side or mine; but with Mr. Streatfield, or view his conduct the satisfy me, clusive one either on your side or mine; but with Mr. Streatfield, or view his conduct the satisfy me, clusive one either on your side or mine; but with Mr. Streatfield, or view his conduct the satisfy me, clusive one either on your side or mine; but with Mr. Streatfield, or view his conduct the satisfy me, clusive one either on your side or mine; but with Mr. Streatfield, or view his conduct the satisfy me, clusive one either on your side or mine; but with Mr. Streatfield, or view his conduct the satisfy me, clusive one either on your side or mine; but with Mr. Streatfield, or view his conduct the satisfy me, clusive one either on your side or mine; but with Mr. Streatfield, or view his conduct the satisfy me, clusive one either on your side or mine; but with Mr. Streatfield, or view his conduct the satisfy me, clusive one either on your side or mine; but with Mr. Streatfield, or view his conduct the satisfy me, clusive one either on your side or mine; but with Mr. Streatfield, or view his conduct the satisfy me, clusive one either on your side or mine; but with Mr. Streatfield, or view his conduct the satisfy me, clusive one either on your side or mine; but with Mr. Streatfield, or view his conduct the satisfy me, clusive one either on your side or mine; but with Mr. Streatfield, or view his conduct the satisfy me, clusive or with the satisfy me pudiated in the most public and most abrupt if I think, on consideration, that it is desirable any other than a merciful light—as conduct manner, an engagement, in the fulfillment of that our conversation should be repeated to for which accident and circumstances are alone which the honor and the happiness of my fam- my wife and daughters, I will make them ac- to blame. After she had given me this mesily are concerned. You have given me reasons for your conduct, it is true, but will those reasons restore my daughter the tranquility which agree with me, that it is most fit that the next ing her, said that they were to blame, if any she has lost, perhaps forever? will they stop communications between us should take place

deserves both, and more than both, from every one who approaches her strengthen me to persevere in the only course which it is consistent with honor and integrity for me to take."

"You appear to forget," said Mr. Langley, "that it is not merely your own honor, but the honor of others, that is to be considered in the course of conduct, which you are now to they were all gone. Rooms were now silent.

"Is it possible! I own I had not anticipated—not thought for one moment of that," said Mr. Langley.

"Perhaps," continued his wife, "it is best that you should see Jane now, and judge for yourself. For my part, her noble resignation and melancholy spectacle it presented when under this great trial has soon as everything had been finally determined, every thing would be explained. Until then, it was not considered necessary to enter in any way into particulars. By the middle of the day considered in the presented when the course of conduct, which you are now to they were all gone. Rooms were now silent.

"However unfortunately I may express my-self, I am sure you will do me the justice to be-Immediately after the departure of his

permission to retrieve my error, to-to-Mr. "As soon as the violent symptoms had sub-Langley! I cannot choose expressions at such a moment as this. I can only tell you that husband's first inquiries—" as soon as the hysheard him, "That is the face I saw in the bal-cony; that woman is the only woman I can be twin-sister. Until a moment as this, I can only tell you that the feeling with which I regarded your daugh-terical fit was subdued, Jane seemed suddenly two. Have you heard my message, father? could be see Mr. Dimsdale's servant? ever marry!" The next instant, without a jug the truth, for until to-day I have never met ter Clara, when I first saw her, still remains to assume a new character—to become anoth met Miss Clara Langley since I saw her in the what it was. I cannot analyse it; I cannot er person. She begged that the doctor might balcony of the house in St. James's street. - reconcile its apparent inconsistencies and con- be released from his attendance, and that she will wait a few days," said Mr. Langley. One or two of the guests mechanically start. The only one of your children who was never tradictions; I cannot explain how, while I might be left alone with me and her sister Claa few minutes the servant, the all-impored up, as if to follow him; the rest remained present during my intercourse with your family in Loudon, was your daughter Clara, the varied and vacillated with insolent caprice, I room, she continued to sit in the easy-chair, you will let me go on. daughter whom I now know for the first time have really remained, in my own heart and to where we had at first placed her, covering her say, but that little must be said now, and then listened with solemn attention, with act or speak, almost at the moment when the all calamness, to Mr. Streatfield's ramewhat confused inquiries, which nied by a minute description of She had fainted. Her mother and sisters re- an introduction to you. To me, the resemblance ment and misery, by judging me with hasty ir- silent. When she at last looked up, we were is I entreat you to do; will you let him-Mr. shocked to see the deadly paleness of her face, and the strange alteration that had come over by the servants. As they disappeared, a dead as the servant was, and sus
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Streatfield"—(she stopped, her seed failed for and the strange alteration that had come over be the deadly paleness of her face, and the strange alteration that had come over by the servants. Let me hear how be the deadly paleness of her face, and the strange alteration that had come over by the servants. The moved her from the room immediately, and the strange alteration that had come over by the servants was, and sus
silence again sank down over the company; absence." There was a momentary pause, as Mr. Streat- it affects each of them towards me. Let me rently, so solemnly even, that we were amaz- field remain here or recall him if he is gone, field sadly and calmly pronounced the last know what they are willing to think and ready ed; we knew not what to think or what to and give him an opportunity of explaining him

events have passed over."

at that moment was gratitude on her own actual more 1 have to beg of you, father. It still Mr. Langley remained silent; the ancount. She thanked God that the terrible distinct while Mr. Strentfield is here you will

"I have something important to say to you

from Jane on this point," interrupted Mrs. Langley. "After she had spoken the first few words which I have already repeated to you, she told us that she had been thinkingthinking more calmly, perhaps, than one could imagine-on all that had happened; on what Mr. Streatfield had said at the dinner-table tion. Had I only received the smallest hint sisters, to provide for; and that he had two on the momentary glance of recognition which she had seen pass between him and her sister was her twin-sister, I would have seen her, at to portion three daughters; and he had not Clara, whose accidental absence, during the any sacrifice, before making my proposals.— interest enough to start his sons favorably in a whole period of Mr. Streatfield's intercourse For it is my duty to confess to you, Mr. Lang-career of eminence. Mr. Streatfield, on the with us in London, she now remembered and ley (with the candor which is your undoubted due,) that when I was first introduced to your daughter Jane, I felt an unaccountable impression that she was the same as, and yet different from, the lady whom I had seen in the balcony. Soon, however, the impression wore her duty to propose something which would alleviate the suspense and distress we were all enduring on her account. No words can describe to you her fortitude, her noble endurance."

> Mrs. Langley's voice faltered as she pronounced the last wo.ds. It was some minutes cced thus:

sage to you, she turned to Clara, who sat weeping by her side, completely overcome, and kiss one was to be blamed in the matter, for being them? You have placed both yourself and After what had occurred, and until something an effort to speak playfully, which touchthe strongest reasons and best excuses cannot ing would be increased tenfold if he remained sister-charging her on their mutual affection longer in the same house with the twin sisters and mutual confidence, to answer sincerely-if -the betrothed of one, the lover of the other. she had noticed Mr. Streatfield on the day of Streatfield, "that I deplore from my heart the | Murmuring a few inaudible words of acquies- the levee, and had afterwards remembered him error, the fault if you will, of which I have cence in the arrangement which had just been at the dinner table, as he had noticed and rebeen unconsciously guilty. I implore your proposed to him, he left the room. The same membered her. It was only after Jane had pardon, both for what I said and did at your evening he quitted Langley Hall. The next repeated this appeal still more earnestly and

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which the day before had been filled with aniverse as she advises, to act as she thinks fit. I vise as she advises, to act as she thinks fit. I begin to think that it is not we who are to

self-possession; but he did not speak. After an interval, Mr. Streatfield proceeded thus:— rooms. The social desolation of the scene ed to Mr. Langley's eyes, to have undergone a inclancholy alteration : to have lost its voutlifulness suddenly; to have assumed a strange he had never observed in it before. She was lovely view of a wide, sanny landscape; a Bi ble, which her mother had given her, lay open

" I am afraid I look very ill," she said, hold-

" My love, we will not speak of it yet : we

"You have always been so kind to me," she "What did she say ?" asked Mr. Langley, to her. I am sure that is what ought to be done ; I have been thinking of it very calmly,