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### Select Poetry.

#### Nearer Home.

One sweet dream thought  
Comes to me o'er and o'er;  
I'm nearer to my home to day,  
Than I've been before.

Nearer to my father's house,  
Where many mansions lie;  
Nearer the great white throne,  
Nearer the Jasper sea.

Nearer the bound of life,  
Where we lay our burdens down;  
Nearer leaving my cross,  
Nearer wearing my crown.

But lying darkly between,  
Winding down the night,  
Is that dim and unknown stream  
Which leads at last to light.

Father! perfect my trust,  
Strengthen my faith to-day;  
Let me feel as if I trod  
The shore of the river death.

For even now my feet  
May stand upon its brink;  
I may be nearer to a home,  
Nearer now than I think.

#### Kitty Wells.

You ask what makes this dainty weep,  
While I live others are not away?  
What caused the tear flow down my cheek  
From early eve till dawn of day?

My story, darling, you shall hear—  
For in my memory fresh it dwells,  
It will cause you still to drop a tear  
On the grave of sweet Kitty Wells.

While the birds are singing in the morning,  
And the sun is shining in the sky,  
And the dew is on the hill top glistening,  
It was then we laid her in the tomb.

I never shall forget the days  
That we together rang the bells,  
That I would that I could see  
That I would that I could see

But death came up to her  
And she was taken from our eyes,  
And when I found she was no more  
I laid my darling down to rest.

I oft times wish that I was dead  
And laid beside her in the tomb,  
The sorrow that she bore for me,  
The love that she bore for me.

The spring time has an echo for me,  
The flowers are blooming in the dale,  
That sweet from the hill top  
The form of my sweet Kitty Wells.

#### A Ghost Story.

By E. Landon.

To those who read this story, I would say, that however boldly told it may be, it is the truth; a simple statement of facts, unadorned by fancy or imagination. I was never calmer, more collected, or wiser awake in my life than when this occurrence

was about to take place; and although it terrified and appalled me, I fancy that it would have produced that effect upon persons with stronger nerves than mine. A few words by way of explanation will be necessary.

Previous to my marriage, which took place nearly three years ago, I was much annoyed by the persistent attentions of Robert Lisle. He was a violent, self-willed, headstrong boy, whose many good and generous qualities were obscured by ungovernable passions. The only child of a rich widower, he had been indulged until any opposition to his wishes made him perfectly furious. Had I accepted his suit, he would most probably have tired of me; but my rejection, and the knowledge that I was betrothed to another, enraged him, and made him more determined in his purpose. I was poor, and therefore his father had not approved of the match, although he would have consented to it, to please his son; but although he was scarcely reconciled at my refusal, and, exerting his authority for once, finally succeeded in sending Robert away greatly to my relief.

Not long afterward I was married, and with my husband, went on a visit to his relatives, who resided at some distance. We were gone three months.

On my return, one of the first persons whom I recognized was Robert Lisle. He was reclining down the street, intoxicated and half senseless, in the uniform of a private soldier. He had returned home a few days previous to my return, and, hearing of my marriage, in a fit of rage and intoxication he had enlisted. He had been intoxicated ever since, resisting all attempts of his father to bring him to reason. With characteristic obstinacy, he persisted the more strongly in his purpose the more he was opposed to it, and the utmost his father could do, was to obtain a lieutenantcy for him and let him go to war.

He went, leaving the poor old man nearly broken hearted. For myself, I was both glad and grieved at his departure; glad to be relieved from his presence, for I dreaded him, and grieved to have been the cause of so much trouble.

A year passed away; a year of quiet, uneventful happiness to me; of what terrible suspense, agony and despair to those of others, let those tell whose homes and hearts have been left desolate by this horrible war. At the end of the year a change came, a great joy and a great sorrow. My baby, my precious little comforter, was born; and a few weeks afterwards my husband, a young surgeon struggling upwards in his profession, received a highly advantageous offer from the military authorities, which he felt that he had no right to decline, although it involved our separation for a time, as he could not take me with him. So when I had entirely recovered my strength, he went away, and I was left alone with my baby and my sorrow. It is true he was in no actual danger, but it was our first separation, and it was hard to bear. I did not go home, although he proposed it, thinking I should feel less lonely. I preferred to remain in the little cottage on the outskirts of the town, which he had occupied since our marriage.

Some time after my husband's departure Robert Lisle came home on a furlough his first visit home since his enlistment. He was much changed. The stern discipline of a soldier's life seemed to have tamed even his wild spirit. He was quiet in manner, never drank, and indeed, seemed so steady in every respect, that his father's delight was only equalled by his sorrow at losing him again so soon. He made no attempt to renew his acquaintance with me, but rather by a quiet bow when we met, as we did, once or twice, in the street. He was a captain having been promoted, it is but just to say, for his gallant conduct in some engagement, and he from any influence of his father. He remained at home but a few weeks, and then rejoined his regiment, somewhere in Virginia.

And now comes a part of my story which, were it not broad publicity and respect for my husband's name, I should not have been so loath to write. For the recollection of it second me with terror.

It was the night of the month of August, Robert Lisle had been gone some weeks, and I had entirely forgotten him; at least the thought of him never once crossed my mind on that evening. I had put my baby to sleep, and laid her in the bed; and then, not being sleepy myself, went back into the sitting room, and sat down to the moonlight by the open window. I sat there until I was startled from my reverie by hearing the town clock strike ten. I arose, lowered and fastened the window, and taking a lamp went through the house to see if all the doors and windows were properly fastened, as had been my habit ever since my husband's departure. There was no danger, I suppose, but as there was only myself and a servant girl in the house, it was more satisfactory to know that everything was secure. Having completed my survey, I returned to the sitting room and fastened the door of that, which led into the hall; then I went into the bedroom and placed the lamp on a small table by the bed. I had commenced to undress, by loosening and combing out my hair, when the thought struck me that I had not wound up a clock which stood on the mantel in the sitting room, and I returned for the purpose of doing so. As I passed through the door a cold shudder ran over me, and I was seized with a vague terror, which I was angry with myself for feeling. I went to the mantel and began to wind up the clock, when the cold shudder shook me again so strongly that the key of the clock dropped from my hand. Involuntarily I looked backward, over my shoulder, and there, great God! between me and the open door, the light of the lamp streaming full upon me, stood Robert Lisle! Even in the moment of wild terror my mind seemed to grasp, how I know not, every detail of his appearance. He wore a dark blue uniform coat, much soiled and disordered. His head was bare his hair looked as if blown back by the wind. His face was ghastly pale, and seemed to wear a look of mingled rage and defiance. He did not move, and, for an instant, I did not stir from my place; I stood perfectly paralyzed. Then, shrieking wildly for help, I sprang to the door, which I sought with frantic haste to unfasten. Doing this, I cast a terrified glance backwards, and, to my utter astonishment, perceived that he was gone. I thought of my child, and, seized with a new fear, rushed wildly into the bedroom. Lisle was not there; nothing was disturbed. My baby was awake, however, awakened by my screams, probably. The sight of her innocent face seemed to give me courage. Casting her up, and hastily wrapping her in a shawl, I fled from the house as fast as my trembling legs could

carry me. My mother lived not far away, and fortunately I reached her house without meeting any one. My knocks soon brought her to the door, terrified half out of her senses at my appearance; but when I told my story, she laughed at me, and declared that I had been dreaming; a theory in which she persisted, in spite of all I could say to the contrary.

Now, although I knew I had not dreamed it, I never doubted but that it was the living Robert Lisle that I had seen, until, about ten days later, a letter from my husband filled me with a new horror, and my mother with dismay. I gave the part relating to my story in his own words. "I am sorry to say that Robert Lisle is killed. He was not killed in action, but after the battle, through his own recklessness and want of self control. You have probably read in the papers how dreadfully our men, especially Crawford's Brigade, to which he belonged, were cut up and scattered. After the last charge of that gallant and ill-fated brigade, perceiving that the rout was hopeless, Lisle and about 15 of his company, who were all that remained together, took refuge in a patch of wood, intending to wait a favorable moment to join Pope's division, which was momentarily expected on the field. This they found impossible to do, and but for the night had closed in, would inevitably have been taken prisoners. As it was, they kept hidden in the woods, listening to the gradually increasing sounds of the battle, which ceased at last, but left them no better chance of escape, for numerous parties of the enemy were moving about the field between them and our lines. At length, about ten o'clock, Robert's impatience could no longer be restrained, and, rushing to his men to follow him, he made a dash across the open space toward our lines, the camp fires of which they could see in the distance. There was clear visibility in the night, and they had not gone far when they were seen by a mounted party of the enemy, who dashed after them, calling upon them to surrender. The rest would have done so for it was folly to resist, but Robert's blood was up, and, for a moment, he turned and discharged his pistol at the leader. The next moment he fell, shot dead. The rest of the men were taken prisoners, excepting two, who contrived to make their escape in the confusion. I have these particulars from them."

This battle was fought on the 9th of August, shortly after ten o'clock, Robert was killed. I leave the reader to make such explanation as he or she pleases. For myself, if I did not know that it was no dream, I would most gladly persuade myself that it was one.

**An Arctic Story.**  
We take from an old publication the following extraordinary narrative of an adventure in the Polar Seas. The circumstances are certainly within the range of possibility, since no satisfaction would take place whilst the bodies of the sufferers were in the temperature of a vessel "congealed in thick-ribbed ice."

In the spring of the year 1840, a whaling vessel sailed from the port of London upon a voyage to the Polar Seas. Nothing material is said to have occurred until their arrival in these solitary regions, when it became the duty of the crew to keep a perpetual lookout upon the horizon, in search of fish. Whilst thus occupied, it was fancied by one of the seamen that a sail was discernible, as far to the northward as the eye could reach; as the course of the whaler was toward the supposed vessel, a mast became gradually distinguishable amidst the mountains of ice, which appeared in that quarter to bound the sea.

It was now summer and the afternoon unusually calm, with the whaler gradually near the object in view, the supposition being that it was a vessel engaged in operating upon the blubber, in a bay which would open to the view upon approaching nearer to the ice. Upon arriving, however, at the spot, it became clear that the vessel was a wreck embedded in the ice, and it could only be approached by a boat. This having been lowered, the captain and several of the seamen landed upon the ice, and proceeded to the vessel, which proved to be a brig. The sails were furling, very little appeared upon the deck, and all the arrangements were those of a vessel laid up for a long period of time. Descending to the cabin, the first object that was seen was a large Newfoundland dog coiled upon a mat, and apparently asleep. Upon touching the animal it was found to be dead, and the body frozen to the hardness of a stone. Entering the cabin we next

seen a young lady seated at a table; her eyes were open, and gazing with a mild and steadfast expression upon the newcomers to that solitary spot. She was a corpse! and in that apparently resigned and religious attitude had been frozen to death. Beside her was a young man, who, it appeared, was the brother of the lady and commander of the brig. He, too, was dead, but sitting at the table, and before him lay a sheet of paper, upon which was written the following words: "Our cook has endeavored since yesterday morning to strike a light, but in vain; all is now over." At the other side of the cabin stood the cook, with a flint and steel in his hand, frozen to a statue, in the vain endeavor to procure that fire which alone could save him and his companions from the cold arms of death.

The superstitious terrors of the seamen now hurried the captain away from the wreck, the log-book alone being brought away, and from this it appeared that the ill-fated vessel was a brig, which had belonged to the port of London, and had sailed for the Arctic region more than four years ago.

**Five Days in the Service.**  
For the past three years we have, without reserve, expressed our opinion of arbitrary arrests and the treatment of political prisoners. These opinions, our readers well know, were anything but complimentary to the "loyal" partisans that now hold the reins of power. The "government" feeling and knowing the unbounded influence of our paper, and hoping to convince us that we had been laboring under a grievous error, on the 21st inst., kindly sent us an invitation to visit the military prisons at Harrisburg. The invitation was no formal, half-hearted, careless one, but a real, warm, hearty, in fact, pressing one—pressing, indeed, that we did not feel like declining it, lest the "government's" feelings, or our own, might be hurt by such a course. In order that we might not miss the place we were requested to call at, and that our visit might not be interfered with by those jealous of the distinguished honors paid to an armed escort was generously furnished to protect us from all annoyances, pay our fare, furnish subsistence, and bear the expense generally. Kind and considerate, wasn't it? We appreciated the kindness—who wouldn't? and to the best of our ability, notwithstanding our excessive modesty, dried the squad of men under our command round town until the time for our departure, to the evident satisfaction of the miscreants, who hoped our visit would prove entertaining enough to keep us in the service ten years, and to the great delight of the progeny of both niggers and abolitionists which in this place are exceedingly difficult to distinguish one from the other. Is it any wonder we felt proud of the position we occupied? hadn't we, like a majority of the shoulder-strapped gentlemen of the day, got a command before we enlisted? What mattered it to us if a few dirty fingered loyalists did point at us and laugh as we passed their places of business. We hadn't to howl for three years, and pay half we were worth to get our commission, as many of them would be willing to do! We didn't march behind our men when there is danger—their kind does when there is danger ahead! We can forgive them. They felt envious, and would have taken our place had it led them to Canada or out of the draft. It didn't, however, and we went on, while they remained at home to rejoice over the unexpected hours heaped upon a fellow-townman by their six foot government.

In time we reached Harrisburg, the city where justice sits unsmiling in the State Capitol and virtue and sobriety decorate the streets (?)—not however, without having numerous compliments paid us by loyal friends (!) who declared there was no one more deserving such a mark of distinction than our humble self. Not wishing to keep the agents of our friend the "government" in suspense, and having a desire to relieve our escort from the arduous duties of attending to our wants, we proceeded forthwith to the office of the provost marshal to ascertain what we could do for our country and suffering humanity. That protector of the people's liberty not being present, some one that was acting in his stead amiably remarked that we could take a position in a corner and await his coming. We did so, while he proceeded immediately to station our escort between us and the door, in order, as we supposed, to protect us from the fury of any enemy that might have been lurking

without. Considerate, wasn't it? We thought so at least. Well, we waited for a considerable length of time for the dispenser of our rights to make his appearance; he didn't appear, however, but quite a number of individuals honored in the same way we were, with an invitation and an escort did, among them an old veteran whom we shall remember as long as memory lasts, in consequence of the smell he brought with him and the degree to which he was overcome by gratitude—or whiskey. After waiting a while longer, we concluded that if the government wanted us to get an insight into its military prisons, Bastilles, &c., for the benefit of the human race, it had better be bringing them along, and was about telling our amiable friend behind the desk that such was our conclusion, when he politely invited us to take a new escort that was in readiness and proceed immediately to the quarters prepared for our reception. We did so, in company with several others and the veteran aforesaid, and in due time reached our destination, into which we were ushered by a file of soldiers, the bayonets of whose guns protected our rear from flank attacks from any quarter. The door was closed behind us, and two rugged looking sons of Mars stationed on either side thereof. There we were; and there, too, were scores of other recipients of the blessings of this great free country—men of all classes, colors and conditions, from the aged father, whose gray hairs pleaded piteously for him, to the youth scarcely out of his teens, niggers and whites, drunken men and sober men, all tumbled in promiscuously, numbering upwards of an hundred.

After satisfying the curiosity of our new associates as far as possible by answering the many questions put to us, we set about making an examination of the habitation of which we had so lately become an inmate. The main room, termed in military parlance, "guard house," is about fifty feet long by twenty broad, built of plank, about twelve feet high. There are three windows, with lattice work of iron across them, which answers as a check-board for those who desire to play checkers with their nose, and also for light and ventilation. The floor, which was laid flat on the earth, in order to save the "government" the expense of sleepers or joists, was made to answer a triple purpose—floor, seats and beds. (We do not wish it to be understood that persons there are compelled to sleep upon the floor in order to atone for off-see given to some of the agents of the "government." Not at all—it is entirely owing to the desire of those in power to be economical—habits that they have contracted since taking possession of the public treasury.) In order that everything may be handy, and that the boarders may not be troubled going out when the weather is damp, or when it is not, to attend to the calls of nature, a trough is fixed up in one end of the apartment, which serves admirably for the purpose of a water and wash stand. The odor that arises from this is accepted as a substitute for the roses and flowers of spring, and save the "government" the expense of furnishing bouquets and vases of flowers to perfume the air. I guess you ain't it? Economical, very! Thus, together with a bucket, wash pan and stove, constitute the furniture and utensils of the room.

Having "graybacks" which are as plenty as abolitionists will be in the regions of Pluto hereafter, is the principal occupation and amusement of persons in this branch of the Government service, and trying to keep clear of these little "pets" that "stuck closer than a brother," furnishes any amount of exercise.

We had about finished making an examination, when the order came to prepare for dinner, and along with the rest, niggers, drunks and all, we marched forth to receive a piece of dry bread, and a tin cup full of something that was called "bean soup"—we couldn't see the beans; but learned afterwards from one that had been in the service several months, that for the purpose of economizing still further, the "government" had ordered them to be cooked in a bag and kept over for the next days rations. Didn't we feel thankful that we were a citizen of the greatest government devised by man? Didn't we sing "Hail Columbia" and "Long live the King," as we sat on the dirty floor, sipping "bean soup" and eating "dry bread"? Didn't we shout "Give us Abraham," as we watched the regiments of "graybacks" seeking for a friend whom they might "devour" with kindness? Didn't we turn "loyal" and denounce "copperheads" and democrats, as we

scouted the sweet perfume of our residence and chewed at the dry end of a burnt crust? Didn't we swear arbitrary arrests were right? Didn't we conclude that Provost Marshals, spies and detectives were an honor to a Republic? Didn't we consider that Bastilles, guard houses and political prisons were institutions for freedom to boast of? Perhaps we didn't.

Let that be as it may, after remaining two days and a half in the guard house, for fear we would become too "loyal," those in charge invited us to other quarters, in the various forts, bastilles, &c., in consequence of disagreeing with the "government" on the "Africa" question. Perhaps the kindly (?) shown them by the "powers that be," will cause them to repent and become "loyal." Perhaps it won't. Of this place and the friends we met there we shall have more to say hereafter.

The "government" after permitting us to subsist on its bounty, for the space of two days and a half were recently concluded, that we had seen enough for the present, and without the trouble of examining into our qualifications to submit our own matters, generously dismissed us from the service, for which not several abolition friends (?) were not profoundly grateful.

**TERRIBLE FIRE AT SEA.**—OVER 500 LIVES LOST.—The United States steam transport "Gen. Sedgwick" arrived at New York, on Sunday noon last, with twenty-nine persons saved from the wreck of the "Gen. Lyon" left Wilmington for Fortress Monroe on Wednesday morning of last week, with from five to six hundred souls on board and when off Cape Hatteras, took fire through the careless handling of a light near a barrel of kerosene, and burned to the water's edge. Twenty-nine persons were picked up by the "Gen. Sedgwick"—all the others are supposed to be perished. The sea was running so high at the time that only one boat succeeded in reaching the "Gen. Sedgwick." The passengers of the ill-fated steamer consisted of paroled and discharged soldiers and refugees, among whom were about thirty women and twenty-five small children.

**OUTRAGEOUS DISCRIMINATION.**—Nothing can be more unjust and outrageous than that clause in the Inland Tax Law which exempts from taxation under that those who are in the civil and military service of the United States. In other words the office-holders are created a privileged class. The member of Congress, with his salary of \$3,000; the Postmaster, with their salaries of from \$2,000 to 4,000; and the Collector of Customs, with his salary of \$10,000, and the President of the United States with his salary of \$25,000 are to pay no income tax; but every laborer, every mechanic, and every clerk, who has a pittance over \$300, is taxed upon it. The latter not only pay their own taxes, but have to bear the burden of the exempt class. A wealthy landowner property for the benefit of the rich and powerful. Is there any one who would defend this discrimination?—*Chas. Lusk.*

**ONE MORE REBUT.**—In his speech at Washington on Monday, 11th inst. Senator Butler said:—"In the future, the danger to our liberties can come only from the ambitions of those in the army who may conspire against the liberties of the nation."—Does Ben Butler refer to himself? He the only officer in our army guilty of insubordination, and hence is entrusted to any other army, he would be a most unmarriageable and shut for his mad scheme, hanging at Lowell.—*W. F. Wood.*

**THE NEW U. S. SENATE DISTRICT FOR 1865.**—Messrs. T. B. Peck and J. B. Ross, 306 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, have just issued a new card, containing the official list of the "New Senate Districts" imposed by the act of Congress of March 3, 1865. This card will be sold for five cents per copy, and will be sent by mail for ten cents, and by express for fifteen cents.

**FLECTION AT TRENTON.**—F. F. Mills, Democrat, was elected Mayor of the city of Trenton, N. J., on Friday last, by an increased majority. The whole Democratic ticket was re-elected.