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Select Poetry.

THE SNOW-SHOWER.

BY WILLIAM COLLIER BRANT.

Stand here by my side and turn, I pray,

On the lake below the gentle eye.

The clouds hang over it, heavy and gray,

And dark and mist the water lies.

And of that frozen mist the snow

In wavering flakes begins to flow.

Flake after flake,

They sink in the dark and silent lake.

See how in a living stream they come

From the chambers beyond that misty veil.

Some hover awhile in air and mist,

Brush from the sky like summer hail.

All, dropping swiftly or settling slow,

Meet, and are still in the depth below.

Flake after flake,

Descend in the dark and silent lake.

How delicate snow starts out of the cloud

Like spangles dropped from the gleaming cloud.

That whiten by night the misty way,

And broader and bolder masses fall.

The silent water bears them all.

Flake after flake,

All descend in the dark and silent lake.

And some, as on tender wings they glide

From their chilly birth, dim and gray,

Are joined in their fall, and side by side,

Come clinging along their steady way.

As friend with friend or husband with wife

Makes hand in hand the passage of life.

Each mated flake

Sinks in the dark and silent lake.

Let them be going, in softer haste

Stream down the snow, till the air is white,

As myriads by myriads madly chased.

They fling themselves from their shadowy height

The fair, frail creatures, madly gay.

What speed they take, with their grace so slight.

Flake after flake,

They sink in the dark and silent lake.

To live in the gentle eyes and heart

They turn to me in sorrowful thought.

Thus, the friends of friends, the good and dear,

Live there for a time and now are lost.

Like these fair children of cloud and frost

That gladden a moment and then are lost.

Flake after flake,

All sink in the dark and silent lake.

Yet look again, for the clouds divide,

A gleam of blue on the water lies.

And far away, on the opposite side,

A sunset falls from the opening sky.

But the hazy light that flows between

The cloud and water none is seen.

Flake after flake,

At rest in the dark and silent lake.

Choice Miscellany.

CLOUDS AND SUNSHINE.

BY CAROLINE HOWE.

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