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And the purple night mist gathere

Making twilight in the brosst.

Gently chartening, sweetly soothing Softly veiling life's unrest—

Ere the dew drops white are spread,

On the glowing sunset blile,

In the valleys-o'er the rilla,

Like the soft mist of a memory

I beside the open ensement Wait my minstrel Alda's tread

For she cometh every evening

Thinking I perhaps am lonely,

And a song of solece need,

But sweet Alda, thoughtful Alda,

Ab, methinks thou hast not read it

Yet thou fanciest thou knowest,
-Though For neven told thee all,

last upon thy fair young spirit

Coming at the eve to sing,

In the West are purpling .

I would have thee sit beside me

I forget life's weary march,

Like wings of the good evangels

And thy pure and graceful presence Softly stays unfed desire,

Clasping round Ambition's lyre

And thy notes are filled with music

All devoid of human art— For thou art an untaught birdling,

Singing songs from out thy hear And such music even indeth

Gently opening founts of feeling Long by Serrow's hand suppress

Tarrying my way beside,-

Guide thee to the Crucified.

Bless thee Alda-angels bless thee !-

Choice Miscellang.

BERTHA.

By the Author of "The New Year's Blessing"

When the fringes of the cloudlets

Shadows of my wos should full

I would have the bright and beauteous

'Neath the window's graceful arch For the while thy hand I'm pressing,

Dost thou know its deepest need

Though I've oft times feared its gazing Would my secret soul define.

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  - to her side, he giauced moved.

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## the town, and listening I discover in her a love of the unknown future that now lay before her. get the past, the quiet years in this old home, and yet never feel your fatherly affection deepen of music unformmon in so young a child. She The birds sang blithely over head, the white and perhaps even the simple friends you grieve into something fonder still. The birds sang blithely over head, the white and perhaps even the simple friends you grieve into something fonder still. A sudden look of bitter pain and sorraw sweet.

ERIE, SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 3, 1856.

- which, with proper training, will in time, I trust, the spinning wheel stood idle and little Bertha sad carnest. render her well known and loved. Will you let sang no more that day. "Forget yo me place her where this may be done somvery soon—for time is precious, and I long to see her cultivating the rich gift she possesses."

  "Did no one ever tell you; this before, my friend?" he added, as a lock of joy and wonder
- brightened the old woman's placid face.
  "I knew it, sir," she cried, "I knew my poor Carl's child would one day show the power she inherited from him I felt it when I heard her
  - singing so gaily all alone, with none to hear her but the birds she loves so well. Her father, air. was bound up in music; but alta! he lived and died longing for the thing he loved. We were poor, and he would not leave us to seek his fortune in the world while we needed him at home. So, sir, he labored patiently for us until his young wife died; he soon followed her and left me little Bertha, as a precious charge. His last words were a prayer that she might never find the path of duty so hard to tread as he had done. and a prophecy, that that passion which had darkened his whole life would be the light and
  - glory of his child's." "Then you will agree to my proposal, I trust," said the stranger, as the old woman paused to wipe away the tears that fell at the memory of her faithful sou.
  - not let her leave me You will not part us, sir, if I may but go with the child."
  - f I may but go with the child."

    "Heaven forbid that I should part you," rethem in the shadow of the lindens long ago. plied the stranger. "Her home shall be yours, and your only care shall be to leve and cheer which now lay idly folded, on her knee, as with her on. Now listen, my good friend. In a thoughtful smile she watched the blue waves month I shall return this way, meanwhile, think sparkle in the evening light, and mused of future of my proposal, talk with Bertha of it, and if on my return you still desire to go with me it shall be so, and if I live you never shall regret the came the brothers, seeking for her. The elder
  - from the cottage. "Your grandmother will tell you pleasant wheel and praised her song.

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    The younger, a fair haired, slender youth, news; and when I come again I trust I shall not leave you here behind "And bending down he leave you here behind "And bending down he her apron, saying,

    This is payment for the song, you must not So, armin arm, the two went wandering through
- refuse it, and so adicu, till we meet again " Bertha took the generous hand that looked so fountain all alone Under a group of fragrant lindens, sat a little delicate in both her little sunburned ones, and "Is she not beautiful, Ernest-sitting there
- Here before the cottage door sat little Bertha, 'one'
- Here before the cottage door sat little Bertha, one does not, she will change, and we shall never find singing heautiful old ballads to the music of here a corriage now came reliefly down the hill and busy wheel. The dores cooled on the sunny storped to be some frank, happy-hearted child she now busy wheel. The dores cooled on the sunny storped to be some frank, happy-hearted child she now busy which is like the same frank, happy-hearted child she now busy the frank of the stranger, who hard from the thanks of the butter longings in was swiftly but the sweetest, blithest music there, was the borne away. But as he vanished, little Bertha of the clear voice of the happy hearted child.

  So, in the gathering with the must be the foundain mingling with their voices, this better sole, he wandered in the green soliting only to the leaves, show on the face of the leaves, show on the face of the leaves, that seemed to whom I reverence, and cherish tenderly and true whom I reverence, and cherish tenderly and true whom I reverence, and cherish tenderly and true the whom I reverence, and cherish tenderly and true the whom I reverence, and cherish tenderly and true the whom I reverence, and cherish tenderly and true the whom I reverence, and cherish tenderly and true the whom I reverence, and cherish tenderly and true the whom I reverence, and cherish tenderly and true the whom I reverence, and cherish tenderly and true the whom I reverence, and cherish tenderly and true the whom I reverence, and cherish tenderly and true the whom I reverence, and cherish tenderly and true the whom I reverence, and cherish tenderly and true the whom I reverence, and cherish tenderly and true the whom I reverence, and cherish tenderly and true the whom I reverence, and cherish tenderly and true the whom I reverence, and cherish tenderly and true the whom I reverence, and cherish tenderly and true the whom I reverence, and cherish tenderly and true the whom I reverence, and cherish tenderly and true the whom I reverence, and the whom I revere
- Clereland, March i, 1858

  Sit here and listen longer, till my carriage joins me from youder town? Do not fear me; but me from youder town? Do not fear me; but sing again, I like your sengs right well "

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  The stranger sat upon the mossy stone, that him where you may be rightly taught and cared lay beside the wheel, and lifting off his broad for. This is what he told me, and the gold he brimmed hat, let the cool wind toss his brown so thoughtfully gave is to make us ready to jour
  - upon his beautiful mild face. | understand all now? and are you glad to know Bentha stopped her work, and looking shyly it, Bertha?" Bentha stopped her work, and looking shyly it. Bertha?

    from among her curls, listened, with a strange. The child had stood with lips apart, the color delight, to the low musical voice that praise her fading from her cheek and her dark eves growsimple songs so kindly.

    "Sing me another ballad, little friend," he ed on her bosom as if to still the little fluttering when you must up and out into the world, to said, it mingles so pleasantly with nature's voice's.

    "But larger as she listened, with her hands press when you must up and out into the world, to heart that stirred within. When her grand-fit yourself for trials and triumphs yet to come.
  - Will you grant this favor to a stranger, and mother ceased she threw herself upon the kind Listen, Bertha, I have glad tidings for your "I will gladly sing to you," replied the child, ion with a strength of the set of the set of the child, ion is all be true! and shall I really "Oh! can is all be true! and shall I really the child, in a very little "Oh! can is all be true! and shall I really the child, in a very little "Oh! can is all be true! and shall I really the child, in a very little "Oh! can is all be true! and shall I really the child, in a very little "Oh! can is all be true! and shall I really the child, in a very little "Oh! can is all be true!"
  - thing to give you pleasure, sir." learn to sing the beautiful strange songs the
    Then folding her hands, and fixing her large voices murmur in my ear? It will seem like a learn to sing the beautiful strange songs the your face, Sit here and let me know it soon," voices murmur in my ear? It will seem like a cried Bertha, as she sprung up and drew him eyes on his face, she poured forth a plaintive lovely dream to have my life so full of music.—
    melody, in sweet childish tones, which echoed What have I ever done that I should be so hap-
  - "Hush! hush! dear child, and do not weep ened more and more, her birdlike voice, change so passionately, or your joy will harm you," said ing from sad to gay, told in music the loves and the found old woman, smoothing back the long the distance of her new home from the one she strows of the quaint old ballad the was sing hair from the tearful little face.
  - brushing back the long locks from her cheeks, years hence my Carl's child will become a hap their eager interest in her progress and success. brushing the the long receiving little face, py and admired woman and never know the pov- and that when at last she was known and loved erry and sorrow he so patiently endured. Land, and winning triends by the magic of her voice, My child who taught you this? Tell me dear heart, how pleasant it will be to live in comfortable homes, with wise and loving friends that their little Bertha should possess so great stronger, warmer than the fondest brother ever about you, and welcomed wherever you may go. Bertha stood confidingly beside his knee and about you, and welcomed wherever you may go, and beautiful a power.
- WILLIAMS AND GUION'S

  ing tone, with a dreamy glance into the sky, "or life! nothing but my great joy, now," reof the voices always singing in the air. Music

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  passage from the break and are the strange still happiness. "I can think of sothwhen I wake. I try to sing the lovely songs; but they never sound so beautifully as they do through the world, feeling that I have the powin dreams. But why do you ask, sir? all childer to gladden others with the music of my simer to gladden others with the music of my sim- old man to whom I'm going; for my heart would ple voice. And that I may one day win a quiet then be in my task. But when must I go? Not dren sing, you know"

  ple voice And that I may one day win a quiet then be in my task. But when must I go? Not home for you, dear grandmother, where you can yet I hope, for, much-as I love music, I love this
  - you may wish to know, far better than I. Shall brain med- rest. Come in and lie upon your parting. Then do not grieve, dear shild; all more. bed, dear child. I must hasten to my work for paths, however pleasant, have some thorns conmuch is to be done, and I have yet to ask the coaled among the roses," said the master, laying

- CHAPTER ÎL:
- Five long years had rolled away, and in Ernest Lennartson's pleasant home the child had grown into a maiden. The dear old grandmother slept in the church-yard near her carly home, and Bertha would have
- been alone in the world had she not found a watchful mother in Ernest's elder sister, a companion and fellow student in his young brother, and a wire, true friend in himself; who taught her patiently the first hard secrets of her art, watched her progress with proud delight, and loved her with generous affection of a noble heart toward one who looked to it for help and counsel.
- Bestha well repaid his care, for the grateful love she bore him grew and deepened with her years, and as the child had freely trusted so the young girl still looked up to him, told every joy and sorrowpand left her fate to his wise care and
- guidance. In the sunny garden, that lay round her new home, Bertha sat alone among the flowers. Be-fore her plashed a fountain, making music as its cool waves rose and fell; around her rustled blossoming shrubs and vines, while over all a rosy supset sky shone down.
- Years had wrought a silent change, and the "Yes, sir," she eagerly replied, "with many little cottage Bertha had bloomed into a graceful thanks I do accept your friendly offer, if I may go with Bertha. She is an exphan, and I candelicate and warm as the blush of the roses in her I hope, she is all I care for in the wide world hair, the ringlets of which would not be confined now I will not be a burden, but a help to you but still lay in bright clusters on her shoulders, free and fetterless as when the winds played with
  - A book had fallen unheeded from her hands
- day you trusted me Now farewell, for youder was but little changed since Bertha first beheld comes the carriage and I must go Farewell, him; his locks were thick and brown as then, little Bertha," he added, as she came hurrying his face as cheerful and serene, his voice as musical and kind as when he sat beside her little
- kissed her rosy check and dropped a purse into lowing son might lean and look upon a fend
  - the flowers, till they spied Bertha sitting by the
- so like a smiling statue, bathed in this soft your friend and I shall be content; so call me there a group of regrant findens, said where the delease in both her little sandurated ones, and the partial interest. String there there is a suburned ones, and the partial interest of the said in this soft of the morning sun glanced brightly on the distant village spires, and on the cottage roof, where your kindness to us. I have only this to show neath an overhanging vine to lock at her
- but the sweetest, blithest music there, was the borne away. But as he vanished, little Bertha elear voice of the happy hearted child.

  A traveller came wandering from the town, along the pleasant road, drawn onward by the simple music, which he followed, till he beheld it mean? When will he come again? and why or let us go to Italy with her. I know one day
  - the old woman, drawing Bertha to her side, and the quiet figure half hidden among the flowers. "Will it not be very hard for me to part with the dear child I have loved and taught for five
    - of our own grief at parting." "No Ernest, go alone, it will seem better tidings from your lips than mine, for you have learned to hide your troubles under a smiling face. I'll go to Gertrude, she will need comforting for the loss of her child, Bertha."
    - So Wilhelm hastened sorrowfully back, while Ernest (banishing all troubles from his countenance) passed on and stood at Bertha's side, saying
    - cheerfully,
      4 Wake, little dreamer, for the time is near
    - Something new and pleasant! I can see that in to her seat, while she knelt on the green sward at his side, and leaning on his knee, waited with
  - child-like cagerness for what should come. In cheerful words he told her of the approaching change, touching lightly on the parting and trows of the quaint old ballad she was sing hair from the tearful little face.

    I do not wonder at your joy, for my own studious life she soon would lead, with her kind beart is running over with delight to think that old teacher, in his fair Italian home, telling of erty and sorrow he so patiently endured. Think, and winning friends by the magic of her voice,
- answered with an artless smile,

  "No one taught me, sir; I must have learned of the birds, I think, or," she added in a must are you grateful for it, Bertha?"

  answered with an artless smile,

  beloved and honored for the sweet gift the good of the young girl listened to his words with down-cast eyes and deepening collor; but when he are you grateful for it, Bertha?"
  - and entriest voice:—
    "And when I am so known and loved, my greatest joy will be that I owe all to you, dear dear master. Ab! if you could only be my teacher still, I should learn better than with this

- fore him, with an indignant flush upon her cheek. kind eyes bent upon him, little dreaming of the "Do not fear that I shall ever cease to cherish, struggle it had cost his brother to main that calm." above all other passions, thoughts, and feelings, a deep love and gratitude for those who gave the orphan child a happy home. Time, distance, or success can never change this true affection, for it has grown and strengthened with my life. I it has grown and strengthened with my life. I never cross your tenderer passion, and if you cannot tell it; but a day may come when I can (possessing all her love) will spare me a little prove its depth, and repay the great debt, I now | owe you. Then do not grong me by a single doubt, for you little know the strength of Ber-
- you, dearest master, father, and friend." As she thus poured out the feelings that had
- which seemed to change her from a careless child that and that she may find in me, some trace of into a wousan, Econor, looked in silence as she those virtues she so revi rences in you." steed so beautiful and innocent before him, and as he looked he felt how very dear she had become, and thought with a keen pang of sorrow. I can teach you seek hittle, Wilhilm, I have
- which held them now. This hope had often haunted him before as he dreams and a bright to morrow." future happiness, he had never spoken of his patient love, but waited silently till time should. All night long the stars looked pityingly down

- in his old, friendly way,
  "Forgive me, dearest Bertha, if I wounded
  you; it was an idle, selfish fear lest others should you; it was an idle, selfish fear lest others should estrange you from us; pardon it, and forget that er, and through the long years they had passed it was ever uttered. Now dry these tears and together her childish trust had nourished in her let us talk of the happy years to come, and think fervent gratitude fallen like dew upon it, and her no more of partings and farewells. But do not frank affection shone like sunshine, giving it call me master, for you have ceased to be my pu- fresh bloom and fragrance, till it blossomed pil now; nor father, for I have neither the years forth into a passion flower, filling his life with a nor wisdom which befit that name. Let me be beauty he had never known before:
- Ernest, henceforth, Bertha." no name can be too beautiful or dear for you," prove a fetter to Bertha's grateful heart.
- does not, she will change, and we shall never find upon and beloved, but here at my side, as a friend pointment and to gain calmness and courage to
  - that had never sounded half so musical to Ber- filled his restless spirit with a patient courage
  - filled her with such bitter sorrow. "Good night, little Bertha, Ernest said, as they heard sister Gertrude calling them to come smale at Bertha's reseasing, in from the falling dew. "Give me that flower.
  - er, to look at when she is gone?" "Dear friend, take all, take anything I own if it can give youtpleasure," she answered warmly. "There is untiting I possess I would not seious of a change in the two hoothers. Ernest was but little with her now, though his watchful am content with this, and will not sak for care and daily acts of thoughful kindness told more, yet," and Ernest, looking down in her up-turned face with a strange wistful gaze. A sud-spoke of parting as the time for her departure
  - en, and with his evening blessing he left her si-And she went wondering away, to dream all worked busily that nothing might be wanting to night of his kind words, and the longing look make her new home welcome to her and the long
  - she had never seen before.
  - "What troubles you, dear Wilhelm? tell me. and if I cannot banish it, then let me share it with you as I have always done."
  - motion, as he replied,
    "Ernest, I love Berths—not with a calm afstrength I never knew till now, when the thought her—though a passing thought now and then that of parting has awakened me to the knowledge Ernest was daily growing paier and stient, while that the feeling I have cherished for her is
  - And though this knowledge fills me with a strange delight, yet with it comes a fear that she how she might do more for her.

    can never be to me all I so carnestly desire. "Madame Mannested, the sister of your new Tell me, brother, for you know her every thought. and feeling, does she, can she ever love me? and if so, will you give her to me, for she is your
  - child ?" The light and glow had vanished from Ernest's face, leaving it colorless and wan as the books and packages in her sunny shumber moonlight stealing into the dim room. But the' "I am ready," said Bertha looking qu
  - Silently the struggle passed, and the marrisce was made, then striving to render his voice calm
- To the production of the process of the production of the process of the production of the process of the process of the production of the process of the process of the production of the process of the

- over Ernest face; but it was calm again when "Forget you!" echoed Bertha, rising up be- Wilhelm looked with a wondering smile into the
  - ness, and to answer without faltering. "The love which I bear to Berthe cannot change. It may seem strange to you, but it is better so, Wilhelm. My 'fatherly affretion' #14 place in her regard, I shall be content and find a real delight in withesing the joy of those whose
- happiness has ever been, will over be the one tha's love, if you believe ahe ever could forget, great object of my life." "And the one great object of ours shall be to make that life most beautiful by our gratitude long filled her grateful heart, Bertha turned away, and love," cried Wilhelm, fervently, adding to hide the hot glow on her cheek, with a timid softly as he leaned upon his brother's shoulder, "Teach me, Ernest, to be generous and noble shame unknown before.

  "Teach me, Erment, to be generous and noble Wondering at the sudden energy and passion like yourself, that I may be more worthy of Ber-
- how desolate his life would seem when he should many is hard lesson yet to tearn. Your own miss her young face at his side, the music of her heart will teach you heat; he true to that and voice in his ear, and the sweet presence which Bertha cannot ask for more. In you she will made his home so beautiful to him. And, feeling this, an earnest hope rose in his heart that he might yet win a dearer place in Bertha's love and bind her to him with a tenderer tie than that her faithful friend. Now talk no more, but rest for it is late Good night, dear Wilhelm, happy
- beheld her blooming into womanhood; but, fear- So leaving happiness and hope where he found ing lest she should be blinded by her generous fear and doubt, Ernest left his brother wrapt in affection, and in her gratitude should sacrifice her bliss-dreams and went silently nway into the
- render her a fitting judge of her own heart.

  upon the lonely figure, pacing to and fro, as if

  And now, though longing eagerly to tell her they longed to cheer the troubled heart there this before she went out into the world, he would seeking in the stillness to grow calm and strong. not bind her by a promise which might prove a For Ernest Lennarston was not one to let a selfetter to her free spirit, but silently resolved to fish sorrow cloud his spirit long, and make a diswait yet longer and trust all to time.

  So, banishing each tender lock or word that moments when the best or wisest mourn the loss might trouble her, he drew her to his side, mying of cherished hopes, and come forth from the trial purified and strengthened, if they bear it right-
- And now when it was in its fullest prime he felt it was his duty to uproof and east it by, lest "I will call you anything you may desire, for it should trouble his young brother's peace and
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  - leaves, that seemed to whisper comport, in the nest, brightened by the secret joy which lit his soft kies of the night wind, and in the starry eye, and lent a new charm to his cheerful voice, sky, till the calm brightness of the summer night
  - that and never sounded had not be suffered with a patient courage that's ear as now when, listening silently, she "to suffer and the strong "to suffer and the strong that the first red gleams f dawn shone in the so deep before, and why the thought of parting east, as, standing by the fountain with a few stand her with such bitter sorrow. scattered there, he looked with the out obserful
  - When I took a little bud from her childfel and do not leave it there to fade," be added, as hand, five years ago, I vowed her happiness she took the roses from her hair, and was about should be the first care of my life till she should to drop them is the fountain. "Doyou remem and a nearer friend to fill my place. That vow. ber the little bud you gave me ence?" he asked; though made only to my own heart, shall be tru-"it was as true an emblem of its child giver, as ly kept, and if Willalm be that dearer friend, he this delicate, half blown rose is of you now | shall possess her love and I will try to be content May I keep it as a symbol of our household flow- with gratitude and the memory of these few hap-
  - den glow came to his cheek, and words seemed drew near, only of the glad meeting when their hovering on his lips, but they remained unspokcheerfulness but Bertler's growing gloom, which he bid his brother seek to chase away, while he
  - journey pleasant. Wilhelm was always at her side, walking in In his darkened chamber Wilhelm sat alone, the garden, sitting by her side while she worked bro ding over the newly wakened hopes and fears with Gertrude, pursuing the studies which Erthat filled his troubled mind, till a hand fell on nest had now left him, and seeking in a thousand his bended head, and his brother stood beside him silent ways to read her heart and find an entrance
  - Bertha, in her deepening wonder and nurest. shrunk from the unspoken love in Wilbelm's eyes, and longed for the peaceful, happy past, Wilhelm looked up, his face aglow with deep emotion, as he replied, which now seemed so far away, while sister Gertrude, lost in many household cares hastened busily hither and thither, little dreaming of the fection like your own, but with a love whose unseen struggles going on in the hearts around Wilhelm had become restless and gay, and strange
    - ly unlike his former quiet self. But other matters soon drove away the famous and she thought only of the beloved child and
    - teacher, with whom you are to travel, Bertha, has arrived at S—, and writes me she is very anxious to depart, and therefore you must join her very soon," said Ernest, coming to Bertha as she sat with Gertrude and Wilhelm smid
  - meonlight stealing into the dim room. But the 'I am ready,' said Bertha looking quickly his happy dream was broken, and a shadow had fallou suddenly upon his life, turning his patient so soon part for years? Come and sit with us Home for you, deer grandmother, where you can swered carnestly "Now tell me of yourself? for me these twelve long years."

    Home for you as you have done for me these twelve long years."

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    Heaven bless my generous child, and grant her with grandmother. Bhall I bid her come is her with grandmother. Bhall I bid her come and speak with you? she can tell you whatever are trembling with excite ment, and this buisy and speak with you? she can tell you whatever are trembling with excite ment, and this buisy burstee. Then do not grieve, dear shild; all more.

    Home for you, deer grandmother, where you can home for you as you have done dear home more."

    You must leave us very soon, for we will not is best to part. It will seem hard to lose our little Bertha; but she knows it's for her good, and that our love goes with her to her distant home, and is but strengthened by the loss my generous heavy to be borne, his love into a secret sorrow heavy to be borne, his generous heavy to be borne, that evening in the garden, weeks ago, when you first told me of the coming change. Will you
    - Her pleading voice and reproachful eyes amous i go, sir?"

      "Yes, but me see her Bertha; I have that to the due, and I have put to atay," replied the stranger; and as she tripped away, he witched her, asying half aloud,
      "I cannot leave this little nightingale to sing unbard, she must fulfill the destiny so plainly liters, and Heaven grant she never may have cause to reproach me for what I am about to do."

      Soon hastening from the cottage came a cheerical old woman, her gray hair parted, fined the wind upon my increase and hen the bosom. As she approached her respectable with a stranger and as now with the cottage came a cheerical old woman, her gray hair parted, fined the wind upon my increase and hen the fore I have been the first spots of separation.

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