Come home, love, come—thy task is done, The clock ticks listeningly; The blinds are shut, the curtain down, The arm-chair to the fire-side drawn, The boy is on my knee.

Come home, love, come-his deep, fond eye Look round him wistfully; And when the whispering winds go by, As if thy welcome steps were nigh, He crows exultingly.

In vain-he finds the welcome vain, And turns his glance on mine So earnestly, that yet again His form unto my heart I strain, That glance is so like thine.

Thy task is done-we miss thee here, Where'er thy footsteps roam, No heart will spend such kindly cheer, No beating heart, no listening ear. Like those who wait thee home.

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