

Here, there, everywhere, On the ground and on the air, On the mountain, on the hill, On each frozen brook and rill, On the house-tops, on the trees, Look which ever way you please, Like sprites upon the wind they go, Falling, sparkling flakes of snow.

Like to the rain of orchard blooms, The snowflakes fall on loved ones' tomb, Weaving a mantle, spotless white, A pall that covers from our sight The sacred mound, till spring's showers unfold the leaves and wake the flowers!

Pattering on my window panes, They seem the ghosts of autumn rain; Or like spirits of dead flowers, That with wings of sweet perfume, Upward soared from summer bowers, And from worldly storms and gloom Coming back to earth below, Pure, white, fleecy flakes of snow!

Falling snowflakes from on high, From you bright and starry sky, Would that ye could tell to me Of the wondrous mystery, Of the worlds that fly through space, Of the comets in their race, The meteor's gleam, the lightning's flash, The falling stars, the thunder's crash! But though ye come from cloudland high, It is not yours to make reply, Still, of such mysteries I would know, Falling, sparkling flakes of snow.

Crystal snowflakes, in your fall, Days of my boyhood ye recall, A village schoolhouse I can see; With schoolmates still endeared to me, The schoolboy tith with schoolboy foe, Our weapons hand grenades of snow, The mimic battles lost and won, The prisoners taken, all in fun, The frozen race, the creaking mill, The skating pond, the snow-crowned hill, Adown whose steep and slippery side Upon our sleds we used to glide Over the crisp and sparkling snow, Like flying arrows from a bow, Ah, me! So long, so long ago!

When I shall cease to draw this breath, When I shall sleep the sleep of death, O, may my spirit soar on high, Above you bright and starry sky, Where sweetest flowers perennial bloom, And naught is known of storm or gloom, Where purest love pervadeth all, Nor winter chills nor snowflakes fall.

GRIEVING IS VAIN.

Since grieving is vain, And sighing is pain, And life is whatever we make it, When Fortune fills up The full mean of each cup Let us pledge her with smiles as we take it.

For little she gives To the spirit that grieves And chides her, while quaffing her measure, But let the last cup Be consumed from the cup, And she'll fill, and refill, unto pleasure!

Was Friendship a name? Was Love a rosy flame, Soon quenched by the breath of disaster? The knight-errant knaves, Now back, like true slaves, In the smiles of some opulent master!

Then why should we brook Our brave hearts for their sake? They are dead, pile forgetfulness on them! Thus perish the twin! We'd not have them again, Could weakness or folly restore them.

Then, sorrow, go, pack, And never come back, And grief, and your brood, trundle after; Come, pull down your plumes; We've rented your rooms To Mirth, and Sunshine, and Laughter!

Humor and Song Will fill the day long, And steal half the burden from labor, Evening will come, From her star-lighted home, To greet us with dance and with labor!

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