

WOULD NOT, IF I COULD.

I would not dig my past
In the grave of weakness and regret;
I would not, if I could,
Let its hopes—which glimmered but to
Faintly, that could not be lost.

Yet I can look before,
And by the lessons sadly learned,
I can play with the fire, and burn,
And tempt it glow no more.

I would not, if I could,
Against this dark, uncertain life,
Tossing back and forth the daily strife
Of reaching after good.

Yet I can know how weak
I feel, and so sweet charity
I can grow about each form I see,
And thus to me will speak.

I would not open out
The healed wounds of other years, long
After they were numbered with the
Dead, better than fear or doubt.

Yet I can truly say,
I do not past bury its dead. We go
Onward to life's sunset glow—
And then, there is no day!

Life is so short to waste
In regrets of weak regrets;
Prove heart endures and never frets
Overdays it may not taste.

And he who can go on
And firmly in the allotted way,
With strength with every darkened
Day, shall surely reach the dawn.

And so I would not lift
The grave the shadows of my past;
Wounds that all my sky once overcast
Into the night may drift.

For there is enough to fill
The moment of the days to come;
Wherefore was the shadows to our
The valleys to our hill?

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commanded by Captain Parker, who had
a perilous adventure during the
year which came very near costing
his life. Under the most favorable
circumstances the occupation of the whaler
is one of great danger and physical trial,
and very few ships ever return to port
after losing one or more hands by the
exaggerated of the service.

It seems that Captain Parker was out
with a boat's crew, chasing a
whale and having fastened his harpoon to
the whale, he dived as usual, and the
boat in the bows of the boat, began
to pitch and lightning speed, and the
boat was sunk to the extreme depth of the
sea. At this critical juncture, Captain
Parker went to the forward part of the
boat to be sure that there was no twist in
the rope to prevent its working clear.
He was running with such rapidity as
to make the smoke to rise from the wood
of the boat, and the Captain threw
his harpoon as the custom, but by an unlucky
chance the harpoon, he was canted from his
side, and he naturally threw out his
hand to prevent him from falling, but
he was so placed it so that the rope
around his wrist, and he was over-
board and out of sight in an instant.

He was perfectly conscious while he
was sinking down, head foremost, and with
terrible swiftness, and it appeared
as if his arm would be torn from
him, so great was the resistance of
the water. During those awful moments
he was well aware of his perilous situa-
tion, and that his only chance for life was
in the lines. But how could he do
it? He could not remove his right arm
from his side, to which it was closely
fastened by the force of the element
which he was being drawn. The
rope on his brain grew more and more
tense, and a roaring as of thunder
came in his ears. He opened his eyes
and it seemed as if a stream of fire was passing before
him, and now came that inevitable cat-
astrophe of the brain which characterizes all
perilous situations, where one's
life seems to pass in review in an
instant. But the captain was a
practical man, cool and courageous
and, consequently, still self-pos-

He began to struggle with all his
power to reach the knife which
was in his belt. He felt that it was
his weaker ever instant, and it was
never with him, though we should
think that that which requires so
much strength, occurred in time that
he could command it but
that hand for one stroke upon that
knife. Now his heart began to fail
and he did not absolutely despair, but
he felt between his nerves seemed to
be torn between his eyeballs, and his
head as though compressed in an iron
ring. In spite of the agonizing pain he
felt, he would make one more brave

He providentially slackened for a
moment, he reached his knife, and as quick
as lightning he cut the rope. He felt
the keen edge of the blade was
cut, and by a desperate effort of his
will, he became severed. He was freed,
and commenced his upward passage,
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