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n to suffering souls a surer token
That all hope is fled.

t a sadder, drearier phrase than this
Sounds o'er some graves
that no loving mourner bends to kiss,
So deep the waves
drawn the loved one to their wild protection,
no earthly bed of man's selection,
t alone the trump of sesurrection
That wakes the sea's deep caves.

d alone! No friend may follow him
To that sad place,
nat abode where phantoms wild and grim
Meet face to face.
Around there breathes of desolation;
wly cross there whispers resignation,
wn there tells of Christ's sweet compensation
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Alone! The dreary waters close;
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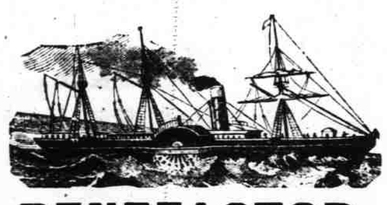

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