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WHEN I LIVED IN PERU.

When I lived in Peru,
I'm thinking friends, today,
That I was young when there I lived,
And now my heart is gray!
I'm thinking of the days long gone,
When life to me was new,
And scenes and friends I knew and loved,
When I lived in Peru.

When I lived in Peru,
I think of it to-day—
The age of one-and-thirty years,
Seems a very far away.
How slowly did each year come round,
When life to me was new,
How swift those thirty years have flown,
Since I left old Peru!

The good town of Peru—
It lies "away down East,"
Dear land of cloaks and pumpkin pie,
And glad Thanksgiving feasts;
Where young men followed honest toil,
And steady habits, too, were held,
And girls were linsey-woolsey feasts,
When I lived in Peru.

When I lived in Peru,
I do remember well,
How late my first tall hat appeared—
It's crown a graceful bell,
It's "hair" waved like a field of grain,
When 'er the breezes blew—
Ah, me! the styles have sadly changed,
Since I lived in Peru.

When I lived in Peru,
The world seemed bright and gay,
But many a lump since then I've met,
On life's uncertain way,
And oftentimes, as I turn to take
A retrospective view,
I sorrow for the good old days,
When I lived in Peru.

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