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Do they miss me at home, do they miss me?

'Twould be an assurance most dear,

To know that this moment some loved one

Were saying, "I wish you were here."

To feel that the group at the fireside

Were thinking of me as I roam

Oh yes, 'twould be joy without measure

To know that they missed me at home.

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When twilight approaches, the season

That ever is sacred to song;

Does someone repeat my name over,

And sigh that I tarry so long?

And is there a chord in the music,

That's missed when my voice is away,

And a chord in each heart that awaketh

Regret at my wearisome stay?

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Do they set me a chair near the table

When evening's home pleasures are nigh,

When the candles are lit in the parlor,

And the stars in the calm azure sky?

And when the "good nights" are repeated,

And all lay them down to their sleep,

Do they think of the absent, and waft me

A whispered "good night" while they weep?

A whispered "good night" while they weep?

Do they miss me at home? Do they miss me,

At morning, at noon, or at night?

And lingers one gloomy shade round them

That only my presence can light?

Are joys less invitingly welcome,

And pleasures less hale than before,

Because one is missed from the circle,

Because I am with them no more?

Because I am with them no more?