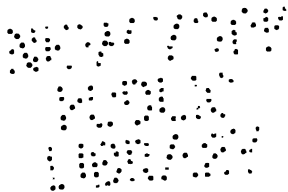


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FIFTY long years have passed away
Like clouds from a summer sky,
And the ripened sheaves of these useful lives
In the autumn sunlight lie.

As they think of the years all vanished and gone,
And the varied scenes review,
It appears but the span of one short day,
Now bright in the evening's dew.

Through sunshine and through shadows deep
The fleeting years have passed;
But, thank the God who gives the light,
The sun shines clear at last.

From early dawn of married joys,
From quiet glow of noon,
These lives now rest 'neath the golden rays
Of a sunny afternoon.

The sunset hour is yet to come:
Oh, may it tarry long;
Then only change a glorious eve
Into a lasting morn!

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