

Fidele

Fear no more the heat o' the sun, Nor the furious winter's rages: Thou thy worldly task hast done, Home art gone, and ta'en thy wages:

Golden lads and girls all must, As chimney-sweepers, come to dust.

Fear no more the frown o' the great,

Thou art past the tyrant's stroke; Care no more to clothe and eat; To thee the reed is as the oak: The sceptre, learning, physic, must

All follow this, and come to dust. Fear no more the lightning flash Nor the all-dreaded thunderstone;

Fear not slander, censure rash; Thou hast finish'd joy and moan: All lovers young, all lovers must Consign to thee, and come to dust.

