

Instruction

When I have moved beyond you in the adventure of life,

Gather in some pleasant place and there remember me

With spoken words, old and new. Let a tear fall if you will, but let a smile come quickly

For I have loved the laughter of life.

Do not linger too long with your solemnities.

Go eat and talk, and when you can,

Follow a woodland trail, climb a high mountain,

Sleep beneath the stars, swim a cold river,

Chew the thoughts of some book Which challenges your soul.

Use your hands some bright day To make a thing of beauty

Or to lift someone's heavy load.

Though you mention not my name,

Though no thought of me crosses your mind,

I shall be with you.

For these have been the realities

of my life for me.

And when you face some crisis with anguish,

When you walk alone with courage,

When you choose your path of right,

When you give yourself in love,

I shall be very close to you.

I have followed the valleys,

I have climbed the heights of life.

