JUST A MEMORY

WHEN ROSES FADE IN MY GARDEN FAIR

AND WINTER WINDS BLOW COLD AND WILD,

I'LL GATHER SNOWDROPS FOR MY HAIR

AND LIVE AGAIN THE LIFE OF A CHILD.

THOSE YEARS BETWEEN I WILL FORGET

THOSE BITTER TEARS SO OFTEN WEPT,

THOSE MEMORIES I'LL BURY NEATH MARBLE STONE

AND LIVE IN THE PAST WITH LOVE ALONE.

MY MOTHER DEAR AGAIN I'LL SEE

A TENDER CHILD IS AT HER KNEE

SHE HEARS ME LISP MY EVENING PRAYER

AND I HEAR HER ANSWER SO SWEET AND MILD;

OH, DEAR GOD IN HEAVEN, TAKE CARE OF MY CHILD;

GUIDE HER FEET ON THE PATHWAY OF LIFE

SAVE HER, DEAR LORD, FROM SORROW AND STRIFE

BUT, ALAS, TOO SOON I RETURN AGAIN

BACK TO THIS WORLD OF SORROW AND PAIN

FROM UNDER THE MARBLE STONE I SEE

THOSE BITTER MEMORIES RETURNING TO ME.