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BY HIS WIDOW

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STONEWALL JACKSON'S DYING WORDS.

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- “What are the thoughts that are stirring his breast?
 What is the mystical vision he sees?
 —‘*Let us pass over the river, and rest
 Under the shade of the trees.*’
- “Has he grown sick of his toils and his tasks?
 Sighs the worn spirit for respite or ease?
 Is it a moment's cool halt that he asks,
 Under the shade of the trees?”
- “Is it the far Shenandoah, whose rush
 Ofttime had come to him, borne on the breeze,
 Over his tent, as he lay in the hush,
 Under the shade of the trees?”
- “Nay—though the rasp of the flesh was so sore,
 Faith, that had yearnings far keener than these,
 Saw the soft sheen of the Thitherward Shore.
 Under the shade of the trees:—
- “Caught the high psalms of ecstatic delight,—
 Heard the harps harping like soundings of seas,—
 Saw earth's pure-hearted ones, walking in white,
 Under the shade of the trees.
- “Surely for *him* it was well,—it was best,—
 War-worn, yet asking no furlough of ease,
*There to pass over the river and rest
 Under the shade of the trees!*”