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Go My Dearest Friend.

It may be glorious to write
Thoughts that shall glad the two or three
High souls, like those far stars that come in sight
Once in a century ;

But better far it is to speak
One simple word, which now and then
Shall waken their free nature in the weak
And friendless sons of men ;

To write some earnest verse or line,
Which seeking not the praise of art,
Shall make a clearer faith and manhood shine
In the untutored heart.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

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The Water Mill, and Other Poems.

The Water-Mill.

On! listen to the Water-Mill, through all the livelong day,
As the clicking of the wheel, wears hour by hour away;
How languidly the Autumn wind, doth stir the withered
leaves,
As on the field the Reaper's sing, while binding up the
sheaves,
A solemn proverb strikes my mind, and as a spell is cast,
"The mill will never grind, with water that is past."

Soft Summer winds revive no more, leaves strewn o'er
earth and main,
The sickle never more will reap, the yellow-garnered grain,
The rippling stream flows ever on, aye tranquil deep and
still,
But never glideth back again, to busy Water-Mill,
The solemn proverb speaks to all, with meaning deep and
vast,
"The mill will never grind, with water that is past."