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THE SOLDIER'S DREAM.

BY THOMAS CAMPBELL,

Our bugles sang truce—for the night-cloud had lower'd, And the sentinel stars set their watch in the sky; And thousands had sunk on the ground overpower'd, The weary to sleep, and the wounded to die.

SONGS OF THE BRAVE.

Methought from the battle-field's dreadful array, Far, far I had roam'd on a desolate track:

'Twas Autumn,—and sunshine arose on the way To the home of my fathers, that welcom'd me back.

I flew to the pleasant fields traversed so oft In life's morning march, when my bosom was young;

I heard my own mountain-goats bleating aloft, And knew the sweet strain that the corn-reapers sung.

Then pledged we the wine-cup, and fondly I swore, From my home and my weeping friends never to part; My little ones kiss'd me a thousand times o'er, And my wife sobb'd aloud in her fulness of heart,

"Stay, stay with us,-rest, thou art weary and worn !" And fain was their war-broken soldier to stay;-

But sorrow return'd with the dawning of morn,

And the voice in my dreaming ear melted away.