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AND STILL LOOKED UP TO SUN AND CLOUD  
AND LISTENED TO THE WIND

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*THE GREY STONE ON DOLLAR  
LAW*

Aye there it stands, the old grey stone,  
Full five feet high above the ground,  
Right in the middle of the track,  
The benty track that winds around

The Hill of Grief, vast, broad, and high ;  
It stands before the west'ring sun,  
It looks across the farthest hills,  
It hears the sough of burns far down.

No scroll or name the lone stone bears,  
A slab of whinstone, weather-grey,  
Wearing the same sad quiet face  
In summer sun and winter day.

Short grass and mosses round it creep,  
Show a scant green at summer tide ;  
No care it has for present life,  
The stone and shadow by its side.

What memory wert thou meant to keep,  
Thou grey, grim thing of other years?  
Stand'st thou the speechless symbol here  
Of Faith or Hope, of Love or Tears?

In the far mists of early time,  
Did heart deep stirr'd by pious fear,  
Seeking its God on solemn height,  
In darkling Faith thee heavenward rear?