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By **GEORGE ST. CLAIR**

When it shall come,
As come it must,
That I go home,
Freed from this dust,
This clogging shell:
Weep no soft tears!
This heart, that hears
Your grief, knows well
Your sorrow; but, with a smile,
ABSENT THEE FROM FELICITY A WHILE!

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Do not beguile
The hour with dance or song!
But, let your heart be strong
To think of me
As one set free
From pain and wrong!
So, with a smile,
ABSENT THEE FROM FELICITY A WHILE!

ABSENT THEE FROM FELICITY A WHILE!
In some dim isle
Where spirits roam,
I shall forget
The crash and foam,
The fever and the fret
Of tired life;
While you, left in the strife,
Still, with a smile,
ABSENT THEE FROM FELICITY A WHILE!