

## Whither Must I Wander

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Home no more home to me, whither must I wander?  
Hunger my driver, I go where I must  
Cold blows the winter wind over hill and heather:  
Thick drives the rain and my roof is in the dust  
Loved of wise men was the shade of my roof-tree  
The true word of welcome was spoken in the door -  
Dear days of old with the faces in the firelight  
Kind folks of old, you come again no more  
Home was home then, my dear, full of kindly faces  
Home was home then, my dear, happy for the child  
Fire and the windows bright glittered on the moorland;  
Song, tuneful song, built a palace in the wild  
Now when day dawns on the brow of the moorland  
Lone stands the house, and the chimney stone is cold  
Lone let it stand, now the friends are all departed  
The kind hearts, the true hearts, that loved that place of old  
Spring shall come, come again, calling up the moorfowl  
Spring shall bring the sun and the rain, bring the bees and flowers;  
Red shall the heather bloom over hill and valley  
Soft flow the stream through the even-flowing hours  
Fair the day shine as it shone on my childhood  
Fair shine the day on the house with open door  
Birds come and cry there and twitter in the chimney  
But I go for ever and come again no more