The brooding ghosts of Australian night have gone from the bush and town;

My spirit revives in the morning breeze, died when the sun went down;

The river is high and the stream is strong, the grass is green and tall,

And I fain would think that this world of ours is a good world after all.

The light of passion in dreamy eyes, and a page of truth well read,

The glorious thrill in a heart grown cold of the spirit I thought was dead,

A song that goes to a comrade's heart, and a tear of pride let fall,

And my soul is strong! and the world to me is a grand world aft er all!

Let our enemies go by their old dull tracks, and theirs be the fault or shame,

The man is bitter against the world who has only himself to bla me;

Let the darkest side of the past be dark, and only the good rec all;

For I must believe that the world, my dear, is a kind world aft er all.

Well may be that I saw too plain, and it may be I was blind; I'll keep my face to the dawning light, the devil may stand beh ind!

Though the devil may stand behind my back, 'til I see his shado w fall.

I'll read the light of the morning stars of a good world after all.

Rest, for your eyes are weary, girl, you have driven the worst away,

The ghost of the man I might have been is gone from my heart today;

We'll live for life and the best it brings as our twilight shad ows fall;

My heart grows brave, and the world, my girl, is a good world a fter all.

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