

LONGFELLOW'S

A Few of Longfellow's Lyrics and What They Teach.

GIVEN AT SENIOR RECITATIONS BY CLYDE ANDREWS.

How often a poem is taken up simply for the pleasant pastime it affords. How many readers enjoy the reading of rhythm and rhyme, the alliteration, the pleasing ways of expressing pleasant thoughts, and yet think so little of the real depth of the poem—the feeling that the author has put into it. Many are much alike, and the truest poet is he who can best portray what most men feel. And he who can portray most truly is he who has felt most. Thus, through the poem we may know the poet.

Longfellow was one of those deep thinkers, tender and affectionate. Or, as Thackeray says, "He was one of those happy natures which are softened by prosperity and kindness. His life was early saddened—but not enfeebled—by the death of his beautiful young wife. He felt this bereavement as only those who have their permanent care feel. Perhaps the best review of his lyrics is "The Bridge." What weariness of soul and body in the lines:

"Ho—de—er, O how often,
I have whistled to the evening tide
And would bear me away on its boom
To the ocean wild and wide.

For my heart was hot and restless,
And my life was full of care,
And 'twould be good to have the land
And 'twould be good to have the sea.

Another well-known song is "The Day is Done." In this Longfellow pictures the "grand old masters."

"Their mighty thoughts suggest
Life's endless toil and roadway,
And I would have loved to see
The old and the young together.

"Head from some timber's foot,
Whose songs sounded from his heart
As from the clouds a summer
Or tears from the eyelids start."

"The Belieged City" is written in a different strain.

"I have read in some old, marvelous tale,
Some legend strange and vague,
That a midnight, but of spectra pale
Belieged the walls of France."

And how at the sound of the old cathedral bell,
"The gloomiest morning star,
The gloomiest morning star,
The gloomiest morning star,"

The beautiful temptations of the soul are likened to these phantom warrens:

"It is in the vast, vast heart of man
That strange and mystic powers
That an army of phantoms vast and wan
Beliegers of the human soul."

but when the beleaguered soul turns to pray,
"The midnight phantoms feel the spell,
He shadows sweep away."

Then how many a sorrowing one has echoed "My life is cold and dark and dreary" and then found comfort and hope in the words:

"Be still, and know that God is near,
Be still, and know that God is near,
Be still, and know that God is near,
Be still, and know that God is near."

"I reached an arched tower in the air,
It is to earth, I know not where,
For, so many a time, I thought
I could not follow it to its flight."

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