

VERSE: A LITTLE LONGER

In this reflective and evocative poem from the "Legends and Lyrics--First Series," the author weaves a delicate tapestry of the transient beauty of life and the eternal promise of the afterlife. The poem is structured as a series of gentle reassurances, each beginning with "A little longer yet--a little longer," creating a rhythmic assurance that imbues the piece with a calm and persistent hope.

As the poem unfolds, readers are immersed in a world where violets bloom, sweet birds sing, and the soft winds whisper the arrival of spring. These natural elements serve not only as harbingers of change but also as symbols of life's fleeting wonders. The morning brings its quietness, blanketed in tender grasses and awakening flowers, while twilight cloaks the world in the tenderness of rosy clouds awaiting the stars' shimmer.

The narrative gracefully transitions into the night, where the moon's silver path across the sea and starry skies offer a serene backdrop to the human experience—life in its fullness, with its capacity for will, strength, love, and the joy of existence. This life, however temporary, is cherished through the voices of loved ones and the palpable truths of love, rejoicing, and eventually, the inevitable confrontation with mortality.

Yet, the poem does not conclude with the end of physical life but extends an invitation to patience and faith in what lies beyond. It speaks of a forthcoming glory, a divine and eternal reality awaiting the soul, transcending the earthly life's shadows. This future existence is portrayed as one of overwhelming beauty and worship, where celestial beings bow before the magnificence of the divine, and earthly joys and sorrows fade into insignificance.

In a poignant finale, the poem reassures that this heavenly realm is but a moment away, encouraging a perspective where the sorrows and delights of the current life are

but a prelude to a grander, unfathomable existence. The promise of an afterlife renders our current sun dark and our day as night in comparison to the divine light that is to come, urging readers to find solace in the belief of an eternal, joyous beyond, patiently awaiting beyond life's horizon.

