

You Have Lost Your Child

Ye have lost a child: nay, he is not lost to you who is found to Christ. He is not sent away, but only sent before, like unto a star, which going out of our sight doth not die and vanish, but shineth in another hemisphere.

You see him not, yet he doth shine in another country. If his glass was but a short hour, what he wanteth of time he hath gotten of eternity; and ye have to rejoice that ye have now some treasure up in heaven.

Your child was a part of yourself, and you are grieved because you have felt like you have been cut in halves, but you have to rejoice that when a part of you is on earth—a greater part of you is glorified in Heaven—there is less of you out of Heaven now that your child is there.

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