THE YEAR'S LAST MOMENT



Another hour has struck,
 with solemn note, and slow;
 another fragment of time's cliff has rushed
 into the vale below;
 another of earth's streams this moment ceased to flow.

- 3. Another lamp of time has flickered into gloom, and left us lonelier in our lonely watch, waiting the light to come; not into, but beyond, the life-devouring tomb.
- 4. Another of time's stars has vanished from the eye; ah! now the light of the immortal dawn is coming up the sky, and quenching, one by one, these midnight gems on high.
- 5. Another headland turned, while bends the quivering mast; another beacon of the lone, lone sea our vessel has shot past.

 The shore, the shore is near! Is that the haven at last?
- 6. Another bridge of life has now been crossed: few more remain for us; another ridge of time we've reached, from it to explore the far-outspreading green of the not distant shore.
- 7. Another pillar fallen in Time's old temple! See how fragment upon fragment darkly lies; and hear how heavily the echoes wind along by the slow-swelling sea!
- 8. Another song has closed, a true but varied strain, and the deep turret-chime I hear afar has echoed out Amen, swelling the long-drawn fall of the well-known refrain.
- 9. Oh, well for us to watch!
 Our night will soon be o'er;
 the day of mortal doom approaches fast,
 the Judge is at the door;
 awake! arise, my soul, and sleep thy sleep no more!

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