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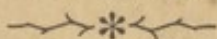
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In sadness now do I look back,  
Upon those by-gone days,  
When I was happy all day long,  
In boyish sports and ways.  
But now I'm forced to make my way,  
A cripple, as you see;  
Those boyish sports and good old times  
Will come no more to me.

I little thought as time flew by,  
Misfortunes thick and fast  
Would see me fall and make me go  
A cripple to the last.  
Such is my lot, wealth can't atone  
For the loss of my arm to me;  
Caught and crushed, the deed was done,  
A railroad boy no more I'll be.

And now my thoughts often return  
To my boyhood's happy home,  
And to the old familiar haunts  
In which I loved to roam.  
I often wished I might return  
To my old home once more;  
My friends are gone—I'll try to live  
To meet them on yon shore.

And now, dear friends, I'm as you see  
Poor, helpless and alone;  
No other way to buy a limb—  
Will you please buy my song?  
And may God bless you all,  
This is my heart-felt-prayer;  
And by-and-by may we all meet  
In realms just over there.

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