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I took His hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Talks left undone must stay that way.  
I found that place at the close of day.*

*If my passing has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.  
Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all to brief;  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me  
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