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[From Mrs. Williams' journal]

The Water Mill

1st

Listen to the Water Mill
All the live long day
To the creaking of the wheel
As it wears the hours away
Languidly the water glides
Foresworn and still
Never coming back again
To that water mill

(And a proverb haunts my mind
As the spell is cast
That the mill will never grind
With the water that is past
For the mill will never grind
With the water that has past
(Chorus; last six lines)

2nd

Oh the wasted hours of life
That have floated by
Oh the good we might have done
That's lost without a sigh

Love that we might once have had
Only for a word

Thoughts conceived but never planned
Perishing unheard

Take the lesson to yourself

Take it, hold it fast

That the mill will never cease

"Chorus" Water Mill

3
Take the lesson to yourself

Honest hearts and true

Golden years are passing by

And youth is passing too

Try to make the most of life

Like no honest way

All that we can call our own

Lies in this to day

Comes intellect and strength

May not cannot last

For the mill will never grind

With the water that has past

Repeat last two lines
Chorus.