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God on our costly funeral pyre hath laid
The costliest sacrifice that could be made :
He who has braved all perils undismayed,
Hath been by some mad dastard foully slain ;—
And we are stricken dumb ! We loved him so,
That tears,—not words,—best testify our grief
While wrestling with this overwhelming woe,
Which seems too sharp—too sudden for belief.
And yet, he is not dead ! They cannot die
Whose lives are moulded to such perfect plan,
That in the heart of every honest man,
They win a place for their dear memory.
He is not dead ! Thank God,—'tis just begun,
The life of this—our second Washington.

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