

any help to the frantic measures of the miners, and that Parliament proved on that occasion equal to the emergency. "The Triple Alliance did not function, but the House of Commons did."

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LIFE AND LIGHT

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Out of sunshine, in the twilight, come the stars to nightly birth,
Like the souls of men descending, through the shadows, to the earth;

But they bring no recollection of the light whenceforth they spring,
Only faintly lingering memories in the anthems that they sing.

All around to them is darkness, save for kindly sister beams
Mingling with their own and yielding surcease of their vexing
dreams.

So athwart the gloom they journey, seeing dimly, fearing all,
Casting anxious glances ever on the earth's black, threatening pall.

Neither they nor men are conscious that the deep long-seeming
night
Passes swift as mountain tunnel linking closely light with light.