

JOHN.
You're going to leave the homestead,
John.
And the old man will be sorry, John,
To see you go away.
You've labored late and early, John,
And done the best you could;
I ain't a goin' to stop you, John—
I would if I could.
Yet something of your feelings, John,
I could ought to know,
There may a day has passed away—
Two for you; when
When hope was high within me, John,
And life all lay before
That I, with string and measured
stroke,
"Cut loose" and pulled from shore.
The years, they come and go, my boy,
The years, they come and go;
And many locks and tresses brown
Grow with every passing year;
My life has known its troubles, John,
Its trials and troubles sore;
Yet God with hath blessed me, John,
In health and in store.
But one thing let me tell you, John,
Before you make your start,
There's more in being honest, John,
Twice over than being smart.
Though rogues may seem to flourish,
John,
And stealing worth to fail,
Oh! keep in view the good and true;
Twice in the end prevail;
Doesn't think too much of money, John,
And dig and dove and plan,
And rake and scrape, in every shape—
To hoard up all you can;
Thoughts fools may count their riches
In shillings, pounds and pence,
The best of wealth is youth and health,
And good sound, companion abode;
Be gentle to the aged, John,
At poverty never fear,
For many a brave and noble heart
Beats beneath a rugged vest;
And the Saviour of the world, my boy,
With His blood for us was shed,
With all His grace had not a place
Wherein to lay His head.
And that's the mean and stingy, John,
For he's little else;
Of what you earn, you soon will learn
How fast 'twill multiply.
So when old folks age comes on,
You'll have a goodly state,
Of wealth to furnish all your needs—
And may be something more.
There's shorter cuts to fortune, John,
We see them every day;
But then we save the self-respect
Climb to the top, and then it's all right;
"All is not gold that glitters," John,
And makes the vulgar stare, John,
And those we deem the richest, John,
Have oft the least to spare.
Don't meddle with your neighbour,
John,
Their sorrows and their cares,
You're well enough to be my boy,
To mind your own affairs;
The world is full of idle tongues—
You can't afford to shirk;
There's lots of people ready, John,
To do such dirty work.
And I would the race for fame
You win a shining prize,
The humble worth of honest men,
You never should despise.
For such is man's mission, John,
In life's unchangeable plan;
Though lowly be his station, John,
He is no less a man.
Be good, be true, be noble, John,
Be honest, brave, be true,
And do to others as you would
That they should do to you.
And place your trust in God, my boy,
Then you will be safe;
Then you can smile at Satan's rage,
And face a frowning world.
Good-bye! May heaven guard and
bless.
Your footsteps day by day,
The old house will be lonesome, John,
When you are gone away.
The old armchair up on the hearth,
Will have a sad time;
The old familiar spots will be
Sore lonesome when you're gone.

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