

TWO BIRTHDAYS.

Our darling came amid the showers
And gauding smiles of early Spring.

With tears and happy laughter blent,
While Spring sun through the Spring rains

We took the gift the dear Lord sent
And dared to call the child our own;

And three times came the epistles back,
Lured by the tender April rain.

That day the golden sunshine track
The dear Lord called the child again;

Trembling we leant above her bed,
The rustling of the wings of snow.

Weeping, we said, "Our child is dead!"
The passing angel whispered: "Lo!

And so we kept her birthday twin
With secret throbs of memory—

With smiles that he no longer pain,
And tears as bright as sainting hair.

Close to his side, when we grow old
And first and last we see the way.

And in the future we will see
The dim old forest.

Among the beautiful pictures
That hang on memory's wall.

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