At Dreaming Time

Oh, there's little time for dreaming in the sunlight of the bright hours.

So the whispers of our musing must be silenced for a space; But they come unchecked, unfettered in the silence of the night hours.

When we hear old well-loved voices and we see some dear dead face.

In the midnight of the present we may breathe the fragrant roses

That were blooming in the gardens of a morning long ago

And the brightness of a morrow has no joy the night discloses, When its dreams can thrill the music of a laugh we used to know.

Though the hours that crowd the future may be peaceful in their coming

And the pleasures they are hiding be imbued with wondrous bliss.

They can hold no calm so soothing as a voice in dreamland humming

Mother's songs. Oh, childhood slumber! And the night that brought her kiss.