BEYOND

Though we see no gleam of the golden spires

Of the City we hope to win,

No cheering sight of the warming light That softly glows within:

Yet ever, and ever it waits for us

At the end of a winding trail.

With a promise of peace that cannot cease,

A Love that cannot fail.

Though we bend 'neath the weight of a cross we bear,

Or moan in a long night's pain,

Awaiting the deep and unbroken sleep

That brings not morn again:

Yet 'tis only the burden bravely borne O'er the thorns of a troubled way,

That wins to the rest of our eager quest At the end of the weary day.

-Lucy Gertrude Clarkin.