

Friend After Friend Departs

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1. Friend af - ter friend de - parts, Who hath not lost a friend?
2. Be - yond the flight of time, Be - yond this vale of death,
3. There is a world a - bove, Where part - ing is un - known,
4. Thus, star by star de - clines, Till all are passed a - way,

There is no un - ion here of hearts That finds not here an end;
There sure - ly is some bless - ed clime Where life is not a breath,
A long e - ter - ni - ty of love Be - fore God's glo - rious throne;
As morn - ing high and high - er shines To pure and per - fect day;

But be not sad nor vain - ly grieve When friends from earth must
Nor life's af - fec - tions, tran - sient fire, Whose sparks fly up - ward
And faith be - holds the dy - ing here Trans - lat - ed to that
Nor sink those stars in emp - ty night, But hide them - selves in

take their leave, When friends from earth must take their leave.
and ex - pire, Whose sparks fly up - ward and ex - pire.
hap - pier sphere, Trans - lat - ed to that hap - pier sphere.
heav'n's own light, But hide them - selves in heav'n's own light.