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Death is nothing at all. It does not count. I have only slipped away into the next room. Nothing has happened.

Everything remains exactly as it was. I am I, and you are you, and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.

Call me by the old familiar name. Speak of me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference into your tone. Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it.

Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was. There is absolute and unbroken continuity. What is this death but a negligible accident? Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner.

All is well. Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before. How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again!

Meanwhile, you will comfort your heart, by thinking of our friendship, by trying to do what you think I would have asked you to do. And when you come to that blessed corner and we meet, you will cry out in surprise and joy: "There you are!" and I shall smile, and we shall go on together, side by side, down the infinite corridors of time.

By Henry Scott Holland

About the Author

Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918) was an English theologian and author. He was Regius Professor of Divinity at the University of Oxford from 1910 to 1918. Holland was a close friend of Oscar Wilde, and he officiated at Wilde's funeral in 1900. Holland's most famous work is the poem "Death Is Nothing At All," which he wrote after the death of his father in 1881.

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