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## Alone — With One Fair Star

*Mathilde Blind*

ALONE — with one fair star for company,  
The loveliest star among the hosts of night,  
While the gray tide ebbs with the ebbing light —  
I pace along the darkening wintry sea.  
Now round the Yule-log and the glittering tree  
Twinkling with festive tapers, eyes as bright  
Sparkle with Christmas joys and young delight,  
As each one gathers with his family.



But I — a waif on earth where'er I roam —  
Uprooted with life's bleeding hopes and fears  
From that one heart that was my heart's sole home  
Feel the old pang pierce through the severing years,  
And as I think upon the years to come  
That fair star trembles through my falling tears.

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