

Last Words

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What do you say at the close of life?
To father, mother, husband, wife?
“No more struggle, no more strife
“Time to go on home.”

What do you say there at the end?
No hope to heal, no way to mend?
“Farewell, my love”—“Goodbye, old friend
“It’s time to go on home.”

What do you say as you smooth their hair?
“No more sorrow, no more care
“No more burdens left to bear
“You’re on your journey home.”

What do you say to pain and loss
Hot as fire, cold as moss?
“One more river yet to cross
“Then welcome, welcome home.”