

HER PROPOSAL

The late March snows are dissolving the delicate wreaths over the hills—the maple buds are already swelling the sky like crimson dots, and the song of the blue-bird heralded the advent of spring over the bleak Berkshire hills.

“And God bless Kate, wherever she may be.” “Kate was nearer than he thought. ‘Have you heard the news?’ said the Widow Castleberry to Mrs. Harwood. ‘Kate Hale’s come back.’”

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“Don’t you love Uncle Michael, Becky?” asked the little boy one night when Michael had tucked them safely up in bed and heard their simple prayer.

“Yes,” said Becky, rearing up in her little patchwork-covered nest. “And when I grow up I mean to marry him.”

“God bless the little ones,” he murmured. “And God bless Kate, wherever she may be.”

“I think so,” said Billy. “New York News.”

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