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A GREYBEARD'S SONG.

What though my locks be grey, Jeanette,
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My heart is just as young to day,
As when I leaped in joyous play
With love's first kiss, Jeanette.

It is better to laugh than weep, Jeanette,
It is better to laugh than weep.
We sowed in joy to see it creep,
And now that age doth on us creep
We'll meet him with a smile, Jeanette.

We have had a share of pain, Jeanette,
We have had a share of pain.
But as with each grief came also gain
We will only recall our joys again.
The past is past regret.

With every year that flows, Jeanette,
With every year that flows.
Although the heart still white grows,
Although your cheek has lost the rose,
To me it's fairest yet.

They hand in mine to-night, Jeanette,
They hand in mine to-night;
Here where the heartsease's happy light
Upon our children glances bright.
They hand in mine, Jeanette.

A RIDE FOR LIFE.

I will tell you of an adventure I had one fall, when I and Seth Heard were hunting upon the south branch of the Yellowstone—away up, where the prairies are so broad and long that they seem to be without end. It was up there boys, that I came the nearest of losing my scalp, that I ever did in my life, and this was the way that it came about.

You see that I and Seth done a little business besides trapping, up in them parts that time. Before we started, said Seth, says he—“Abel, we can get skins better than we can catch ‘em, and a tarnal sight easier, by buying them of the redskins, we can get ‘em for a song, so let us buy a lot of notions and go out on the prairie and set up a shop.”

“Agreed,” said I, “only let us go beyond most people that trade with the varmints.”

Well, we bought a little of everything to tickle the Injuns with, and off we started and set up a shop on the prairie. This was in November, and for a time we did a smashing business among the heathens. We could buy a skin worth five dollars for a string of beads and a jack-knife, and others in proportion.

By and by the redskins began to get ugly. We could see it in their sullen looks, and though they traded nearly as much as ever, we began to think they meant mischief. So Seth and I talked the matter over and concluded, unless we wanted to lose our furs and horses, to say nothing of our scalps, ye had better leave sometime between two days. I always had great affection for my hair, and never could think of letting a red heathen have it to hang in his belt, and Seth also, kinder thought that way. We packed up our duds and prepared to be off just as soon as we were sure that all the prowling redskins were abed, for we want more than a half mile from one of their towns, and we didn't care about their knowing just when we went.

We wanted to start as soon as we could, for the moon rose about midnight, and then all would be as light as day, for there warn't a cloud to be seen anywhere between prairie and prairie, and the stars alone like so many deer's eyes in the forest.

I guess that it must have been about eleven when we mounted our horses and moved slowly away from our camping ground. Our furs were packed in a huge bundle and fastened on behind us, and Seth as he moved away, looked like an Arab on a camel crossing the desert.

I don't think we had gone a mile when we heard the awfulest yell behind us that ever fell on mortal ears, it seemed almost loud enough to take the sky right up from the ground where it seemed to be settin' like a great bowl.

We knew in a minute what that yell meant, and it told us that we were not a minute too soon in our departure. The redskins had determined upon having our traps and hair and had pitched upon to night for the deed.

Giving our horses a smart blow with our sticks, we bounded off over the prairie as fast as they could carry us. We knew that every foot we gained now in our flight we should need, for the Injuns would soon be upon our trail with fleet horses, and they would have no difficulty in pursuing us as soon as the moon came up, and even now the sky was growing brighter toward the east.

Thinks I what would I give if I had the power of our father Joshua, so that I could make the moon stand still for an hour or two. But I hadn't, and before long it was lighting up everything as bright as day.

Another yell, further off, but full as sharp as the first. We stopped our horses and dismounting, threw ourselves flat on our faces, and placed our ears to the ground. A moment, and we were satisfied that the pursuit had begun; we could plainly hear their horses' hoofs striking the ground at a quick rate. Hastily springing to the back of our horses, we bounded away.

All that night the chase was kept up, and when the morning came and the sun had risen, we could see our

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