

May nothing evil cross this door

Text: Louis Untermeyer, 1923

Music: Robert N. Quaile, b. 1867

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The musical score is written on a single staff in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and half notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, each corresponding to a measure of the music. The first line of lyrics is '1 May noth - ing e - vil cross this door,'. The second line is '2 By faith made strong, the raft - ers will'. The third line is '3 Peace shall walk soft - ly through these rooms,'. The fourth line is '4 With laugh - ter drown the rau - cous shout,'. The fifth line of lyrics is 'and may ill for - tune nev - er pry'. The sixth line is 'with - stand the bat - tering of the storm.'. The seventh line is 'touch - ing our lips with ho - ly wine,'. The eighth line is 'and, though these shel - tering walls are thin,'. The ninth line is 'a - bout these win - dows; may the roar'. The tenth line is 'This hearth, though all the world grow chill,'. The eleventh line is 'till ev - 'ry cas - ual cor - ner blooms'. The twelfth line is 'may they be strong to keep hate out'. The thirteenth line is 'and rain go by.'. The fourteenth line is 'will keep you warm.'. The fifteenth line is 'in - to a shrine.'. The sixteenth line is 'and hold love in.'.

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