



At Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania

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*LAUDATE PUERI DOMINUM*

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JOHN HENRY  
MARIE LOUISE  
CONNELLY BORN  
ST. ALBAN'S DAY  
JUNE XXIIND  
MDCCCXXXVII  
DIED CANDLEMAS DAY  
MDCCCXL

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MARIE  
MAGDALENE  
ELIZABETH JULIA  
CONNELLY BORN  
ST. M. MAGDALENE  
DAY MDCCCXXXIX  
DIED SEP. XTH ST. NIC.  
OF TOL. MDCCCXXXIX

*This is the setting you must recreate  
Convent and lawn (old Quaker school before  
The nuns came just about the Civil War).  
Facing the house, you think an antiquated  
Shrine, but read the names, the double date.  
Recall their meaning to the one who bore  
These first fruits of a heart's abundant store  
Of pain, learning to give, learning to wait.*

*Behind the small transplanted gravestone, there  
Beyond the hedge, across the roadway, see  
The flash of other children at their play.  
Heed both. The parched roots, the drained cup, the care  
For the known Will of God, the legacy  
Of silence, laughter in the Latter Day.*