Death Is Nothing At All

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I have only slipped away into the next room   
I am I and you are you   
Whatever we were to each other   
That we are still   
Call me by my old familiar name   
Speak to me in the easy way you always used   
Put no difference into your tone   
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow   
Laugh as we always laughed   
At the little jokes we always enjoyed together   
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me   
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was   
Let it be spoken without effort   
Without the ghost of a shadow in it   
Life means all that it ever meant   
It is the same as it ever was   
There is absolute unbroken continuity   
What is death but a negligible accident?   
Why should I be out of mind   
Because I am out of sight?   
I am waiting for you for an interval   
Somewhere very near   
Just around the corner   
All is well.   
Nothing is past; nothing is lost   
One brief moment and all will be as it was before   
How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again!