

Barbara E. Acton

(- 15 Mar 1861)

Acton. On Friday, 15th instant at 8 o'clock in the morning, Mrs. Barbara E. Acton in the 51st year of her age. The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral from her late residence, 1 st. between 7th and 8th Navy Yard, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock (Baltimore Sun copy).

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The Dying Mother

Lines written on the death of Mrs. Barbara E. Acton, by a devoted friend, M.M.

1.

Raise me in your arms, dear children!
Let me see this lovely sight,
Ere my eyes are closed forever,
Never to behold the light.

2.

'Tis the glorious sunset hour--
See the monarch of the day,
In the clouds of gold and crimson,
Slowly, slowly pass away!

3.

I'll be going, too, dear children!
Ere the shades of night appear,
I'll be far away in heaven
While you are mourning for me here.

4.

Dry those tearful eyes, dear children!
Do not wish me back again--
Know towards me you have done your duty--
Try bright heaven to obtain!

5.

Hark! I hear the angels coming!
My short stay on earth is done;
Kiss me, dear children, for I am going--
I am going to my heavenly home!