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Document: *"I've left my home...", a poem by Thomas Welsh*

Transcription:

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I've left my home and all its treasures
And all my friends so dear
Who oft with me has seen the pleasures
Which others had to fear
But now I am away from home
Where hearts did with mine beat
Yes, hearts and souls that lov'd to roam
When we did nightly meet.
If ever we do meet to speak again
To speak of that dear home
Twill be of pleasures, not of pain
Of times that now are gone
But if we never should be spared
To meet each other there
I'll think of them who ever dared
With me our dangers for to bear
Oh yes, I think that we will meet
On Columbia's hallowed spot
I feel it as my heart doth beat
I'm sure twill be our lot
Although at present I must say
That I have found a place
Where friendship smiles from day to day
And beams with all its grace
Yes friendship beams from all around
With here and there a stain
Which when examined proves not sound
And shows a lack of brain
Oh Washington City wilt thou detain
A lingering thought of mine
Which when unclouded, I would fain
Have rest on thee and thine
But now I am about to leave
To go I know not where



The thought itself does make me grieve
But grief my heart can bear
I trust twill ever be my lot
When roving to and fro
To find some friends in some lone spot
Where 'eer I chance to go
But such dear friends as I have found
In the City of Washington
With virtues shining bright around
The deeds that they have done
If ever this should chance to meet
The eyes, to whom address'd
They can but think of friendship sweet
That's cradled in my breast

In Washington City D.C....

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Scope and Content

Poem, "I've Left My Home," written by Thomas Welsh, about having left his home and friends in Columbia, and made new friends in Washington. Now, preparing to move on, he expects to meet new friends where ever he goes, and in each case, he longs to meet again and rekindle the friendship.

