

## *Death is nothing at all.*

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*It does not count.*

*I have only slipped away into the next room.*

*Nothing has happened.*

*Everything remains exactly as it was.*

*I am I, and you are you,*

*and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged.*

*Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.*

*Call me by the old familiar name.*

*Speak of me in the easy way which 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 that we 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 an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it.*

*Life means all that it ever meant.*

*It is the same as it ever was.*

*There is absolute and unbroken continuity.*

*What is this death but a negligible accident?*

*Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?*

*I am but waiting for you, for an interval,*

*somewhere very near, just round the corner.*

*All is well.*

*Nothing is hurt; 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!*