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Master, I've filled my contract, wrought in Thy many lands; / Not by my sins wilt Thou judge me, but by the work of my hands. / Master, I've done Thy bidding, and the light is low in the west, / And the long, long shift is over . . . Master, I've earned it – Rest. (Robert Service, The Spell of the Yukon and Other verses).