Long I watched. And at last afar
Caught sight of a speck in the vastness;
Ever smaller, ever decreasing,
Ever drifting, drifting away
Into the endless realms of day;
Finally ceasing.
So into Heaven's vast fastness
Vanished that bar
Of black, as a fluttering star
Goes out while still on its way.

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So I lost him. But I shall always see
In my mind
The warm,yellow sun,and the ether free;
The vista'd sky,and the white cloud trailing,
Trailing behind.—
And below the young earth's summer-green arbors,
And on high the eagle,—sailing,sailing
Into far skies and unknown harbors.