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A 90 - 30 April 1910

Dear Edith - dear Alfred - dear friends - present - all  
I'm with you in spirit to-day,  
And p'raps can't do better, than in a short letter  
Indite the few words I might say.

'Tis many years now, since the first Mrs How,  
Oh dearly we loved her - our mother,  
We thought it would be, a calamity  
If there should be - ere, another

But one lucky day, a glance happ'ning to stray  
Took her in from her head to her toes  
A mere snapshot - but true - Mrs How number two  
As her presence today clearly shows.

We been long together and hope long to stay  
I'm in no haste to make her a widow  
Her children all bless her - love, tease and caress her,  
And my love has never been hid - o -

I have a dear brother, he too loved our mother  
And thought she should be triplicated  
Having found his Lenore - whom we all could adore  
Mr. How number three was instated.

Our dear eldest son, his Sallie has won  
Whom we all think as sweet as an apple is  
And another - dear Frank - for joy has to thank  
Sweet Alma of fair Minneapolis.

So I make bold to say we're all built the same way  
And to-day we're all happy - delighted  
For another bride's won - the parson's work's done  
Making true lovers one - hearts united.

In our dear Alfred's choice, with good cause, we rejoice  
Dear Edith is quite fascinating  
So clever, so neat, so lovely, so sweet  
'Tis the pick of the season Alf's mating.

But I pause - with a thought sympathetic  
(I would not be heartless to-day)  
For the dear mother's heart & the father's  
As their dear one goes out on life's way.  
(May hope sustain & soothe, till sorrow ends  
Till time - & sweet reunion make amends)

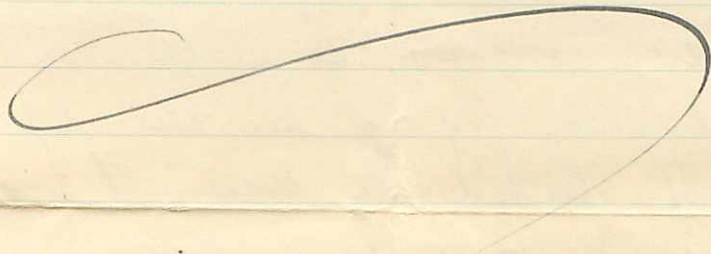
Yes, dear Edith is now, the sixth Mrs How  
May she find every joy in her new life  
Her wishes all heeded - her hopes all exceeded  
May she revel in bliss as a true wife.

A word 'er I've done for the bridegroom our son  
He is one of a dutiful trio  
And parents well may for sons such as they  
From the depth of the heart say "Laus Deo".

Heaven grant to our dear ones all blessing  
My prayer - prayer of many beside  
Is for healthy - & happy - & long life

To well beloved bridegroom & bride.

Then cheers for the bridegroom & cheers for the bride  
May they meet with no trouble, distressing  
But travel life's highway in love side by side  
And be thankful to God for each blessing.



Presumably written by Thomas Waldo How.