“and he isn’t coming yet, wretched man!” with a dark frown. “Just like them!”

So the hours dragged on, and he came not. To Priscilla, sitting with her friends in the half-fading twilight, it seemed as though her last hopes were gone, but still she could not give them up; at every sound she started, seized by a ray of hope that it might be he. On dragged the hours, until at last the clock struck eight, and still he came not. Gradually each guest took his leave of the sad home, and walked silently down the road where the groom had been so earnestly watched for. One by one the bright stars came out in the blue heavens; the great solemn moon rose in the east, and looked in at the windows of the sad, silent house, where was to be seen a lonely white figure crying bitterly. It was Priscilla, the sunny, hopeful girl of the morning, now thrown desperately on the large window seat, her pale face covered by two white hands; her form was shaking with passionate sobs, while the poor heart within was nigh breaking.

When the great clock struck ten the door was opened, giving entrance to Aunt Jane, who stood for a moment with a candle in her hand. The figure in the window remained motionless, not seeming to see or hear the intruder.

“I have brought your candle, Priscilla; it’s bedtime. Come upstairs; Sambo is waiting to shut up the house!”

The pale bride arose, and taking her candle, silently left the room. Step by step she mounted the broad stairway, the light she held in her hand throwing a soft glow on her tear-drenched face. Up she went into the dark hallway, leaving youth and hope with the fast-fading wedding flowers below.

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From a Freshman.

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To do what others do.
The other classes are so bad,
That we’ll be Naughty-two.

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