100. *Death and the old Man.*

A poor Old Man coming from a forest where he had been gathering sticks, and having a bundle of them over his shoulders, he trudged homeward; but grew so faint and weak, that he sunk under it. Peevishly he threw his wood down, and as he sat on the ground, called upon Death to come and deliver him from so miserable a life, and ease him of his troubles. Death instantly appeared in his ghastly shape, desiring to know what he wanted. „Only good Sir,“ cried the frightened old creature, „that you'll do me the favour to help me on again with my burden.“

Application.

The desire of life cannot easily be suppreſsed by any hardships or sufferings. Even though many wish to die, it is not so in reality, knowing well, that Death will not appear at our desire.

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