CLOSE THE DOOR GENTLY, FOR MOTHER'S ASLEEP.

Composed by GUSTAVUS GEARY.

1. Close the door gently, for Mother's asleep; Her fever is broken—her slumber is deep:

2. Close the door gently, and come to her side; Oh, what should we've done if our Mother had died?

Look in her pale face, and see there no pain; Oh, darling, be thankful we've Mother again.

Weary with travel, but laden with charms, She's longing to clasp us within her dear arms.

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Shut the door softly, and look in her face, And see how it gathers in health and in grace:
Mother, dear mother, we loved you before; But now we shall love you a thousand times more;

Is she not handsome, this Mother of ours, Waking to life like the budding of flowers?
Welcome, dear heart, from the shadowy land—Close the door softly, and kiss her dear hand.

Shut the door softly, for Mother's asleep; Oh, close the door gently, for Mother's asleep.
CHORUS.

Moth-er's a-sleep, Moth-er's a-sleep; Close the door softly, for Moth-er's a-sleep;

BASS.

Close the door, close the door, Moth-er's a-sleep; Close the door softly, for Moth-er's a-sleep.