

# If nothing happens

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If nothing happens  
they will electrocute us  
right after midnight  
therefore here I am  
right with you  
with love and with open heart,  
as I was yesterday  
Don't cry Dante  
for many many tears  
have been wasted  
as yours mothers tears  
have already wasted  
for seven years  
and never did any good  
So, son, instead of crying  
be strong, be brave  
so as to be able  
to comfort your mother  
And when you want  
to distract her  
from the discouraging soulness  
take her for a long walk  
in the quiet countryside  
gathering flowers  
here and there  
And resting under  
the shade of trees

beside the music of the water  
the peacefulness of nature,  
she will enjoy it very much  
as you will surely too  
But son, you must remember:  
don't use all yourself  
but down yourself  
just one step  
to help the weak ones at your side.  
The weaker ones,  
that cry for help,  
they are yours friends,  
the persecuted and the victims,  
they are the comrades that fights  
friends of yours and mine,  
Yes, and sometimes fall.  
Just as your father,  
your father and Bartolo  
have fallen  
have fought and fell  
yesterday  
for the conquest of the joy  
of freedom for all  
In the struggle of life you'll find  
you'll find more love  
And in the struggle  
you will be loved also.

## Informazioni

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