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ACROSTIC: AROUND MY LONELY HEARTH
TONIGHT

Lewis Carroll

Carroll, Lewis (pen name of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson) (1832-1898) - English novelist, poet, photographer, and mathematician, best known for his fantastical childrens' classics. He was a mathematical lecturer at Oxford.

Acrostic: Around my lonely hearth to-night (1869) - An acrostic is a poem in which certain letters in the lines (often the first) taken in order form a name, a word, a motto, or an alphabetical sequence. Opening lines: Around my lonely hearth tonight, / Ghostlike the shadows wander:...

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AROUND my lonely hearth to-night,
 Ghostlike the shadows wander:
 Now here, now there, a childish sprite,
 Earthborn and yet as angel bright,
 Seems near me as I ponder.

Gaily she shouts: the laughing air
 Echoes her note of gladness
 Or bends herself with earnest care
 Round fairy-fortress to prepare
 Grim battlement or turret-stair
 In childhood's merry madness!

New raptures still hath youth in store.
 Age may but fondly cherish
 Half-faded memories of yore
 Up, craven heart! repine no more!
 Love stretches hands from shore to shore:
 Love is, and shall not perish!

THE END