Grandfather's Clock

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My grandfather said that of those he could hire Not a servant so faithful he found For it wasted no time and had but one desire At the close of each week to be wound

And it kept in its place, not a frown upon its face And its hands never hung by its side But it stopped short, never to go again When the old man died

It rang and alarmed in the dead of the night
An alarm that for years had been dumb
And we knew that his spirit was pluming for flight
That his hour for departure had come

Still the clock kept the time with a soft and muffled chime As we silently stood by his side But it stopped short, never to go again When the old man died

Ninety years without slumbering His life seconds numbering It stopped short, never to go again When the old man died