Pome - by Aunt Min

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The evening wore late with records and rum. And for several the sandman had already come. So Mil in the guest room and I in Louise's Tucked ourselves in 'gainst the chill winter breezes.

When cuckoo, cuckoo! was heard through the hall. Highly intriguing! But not Morpheus' call. We took a deep breath and again it came on Just to remind us the hour was half gone.

Now for one day at least, this must suffice So I'll run out and mail it before I think twice.

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