

# The Wings of Peace



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THE FRIGHTENED WOMAN  
A CAR came towards the house its headlights throwing a good light. She touched the door watching tensely. The gate was tall: number seven was surrounded by a high wall. The light was bright enough for her to see the top of the hedge against the wall the branches of the tree even the lawn and the flower-beds in front of the house but she could not see the dusky man. For the first time since she had seen him she thought that she might have evaded him. Her heart beat fast with reviving hope as she turned. The fading light of the car lamps showed the bell the knocker and letter-box brassy and bright against the dark door. She put her forefinger on the bell. But--the house was in darkness; of course no one was there. She would wait until someone came she would wait all night if

need be. She...  
> Miss Dyeri¼ came a soft voicei¼ not far awayi¼ you are being  
> foolishi¼ very foolish. <br> He was not twenty feet away from her! He stood on the grass<br>beneath the outflung branches of the tree. She could just make<br>out his smalli¼ lithe figure. He stood still--noi¼ he moved towards<br>her.<br> It is your own faulti¼ he saidi¼ in that softi¼ lisping voice; we<br>did not wish to harm you. <br> She gasped: Go away! Go away ! <br> That was futile; she hardly knew why she spoke. She staredi¼<br>transfixedi¼ hemmed in by the porch. If she tried to get away now<br>he would catch her--and this time he would not let her go.<br>Desperately she pressed the bell againi¼ though hope was dead in<br>her heart.<br> There is no one herei¼ he said. His footsteps sounded on the<br>graveli¼ and she was able to see his face because another ear was<br>approaching and the faint glow of its headlights spread as far as<br>this. The headlights grew brighter; now she could see her perse-  
> cutor clearlyi¼ he was only a couple of yards away from her;<br>

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