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Blessed Redeemer of our race,
Both perfect God and man we know,
Dwelling in all ethereal space—
For we are told that it is so.

Invisible, Immortal Being!

'T is true that we no longer see

Thee face to face, as thou wert seen,

Or hear Thy voice, as those with Thee:

But yet we mark Thy winter's rain,

We know it is not sent to harm;

And joy in Thy autumnal grain,

We watch Thee in Thy thunder-storm:

We know earth is not Thy sole dower,

And though Thy once heard voice is mute,

We view Thee in the first spring flower—

Thy voice still speaks to us in fruit.

Thou wishest every morn good morrow, In joy and gladness, in its mirth, As Thou art with each in its sorrow, For Thou art over all Thy earth:

There dwell'st Thou in the midst, at prayer;
Thou answerest when we ask in faith,
We feel it as we enter where
Thou art, for so the Scripture saith.

Strong in Thy wrath, and terrible,

For in Thy lightnings we view

(Which speak from earth to us of hell)

Thy power, and yet Thy goodness too.

The Father in Thee we adore,

Who sent Thee from His Throne above
To see Thine own, and ope the door

From fount of His eternal love.

And now, O Lord, as in our youth

We loved to hear and read Thy Word,
So faith and hope, found in Thy truth,
Let nothing ever more disturb.

And when it please Thee to remove

This mortal into that to be,

Then welcome with Thy beam of love—

Swallow up Death in Victory!

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Dearly are all our pleasures bought,

For now and then a tear will rise,

But then we cannot chain down thought—

We brush it off, it is not wise.

We take a book, it has no charm

To soothe the spirit into rest,

We put it by, it cannot warm

The heart that is no longer blest.

And what are tears that oft drop whole,
Those pearly treasures of the heart?
They are the dew-drops of the soul
That from the inner spirit part.