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*In some great day
The country church
Will find its voice
And it will say:*

"I stand in the fields
Where the wide earth yields
Her bounties of fruit and of grain;
Where the furrows turn
Till the plowshares burn
As they circle again, again;
Where the workers pray
With their tools all day
In sunshine and shadow and rain.

"And I bid them tell
Of the crops they sell
And speak of the work they have done;
I speed every man
In his hope and plan
And follow his day with the sun;
And grasses and trees,
The birds and the bees
I know and I feel every one.

"And out of it all
As the seasons fall
I build my great temple alway;
I point to the skies
But my footstone lies
In commonplace work of the day;
For I preach the worth
Of the native earth—
To love and to work is to pray."

LIBERTY H. BAILEY.

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