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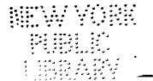


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SUNRISE.

The cheerful cock foretells the coming day:

The stars burn dim as one by one they die,
While gradual dawn creeps up the Eastern sky,
And rosy blushes tinge the sober gray.

At once the golden splendor bursts its way,
Unfurls its flaming banner flashing high,
And rallies friend and foe that sleeping lie,
To join again in life's returning fray.

O sun of Love Divine, in glory rise:
Dispel the dreams that haunt our dreary night.
With healing touch restore our blinded eyes,
That we may see the light within Thy light;
And by Thy wisdom rendered truly wise,
Transcending faith, may walk henceforth by sight.

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HERE.

Disloyal scorner of his native land,
Th' inconstant traveller, with roaming eyes,
Explores the earth to find, 'neath foreign skies,
Conditions happier than near at hand.
He dreams a paradise on distant strand,
Where he, good fortune's heir, expects a prize.
What marvel then if thoughtless youth despise
The plain realities that round him stand.
The true Utopia is only found
Where master-minds their destinies create,
And through endurance prove them doubly dear.
The place whereon we stand is holy ground.
The nearest duty weaves the web of fate.
Reward and work are one; and heaven is here.

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