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*"Humor is an invisible tear through  
a visible smile."*

—FROM THE RUSSIAN

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Behold the man ! Behold the God !  
Ah, which to say, and how, and why !  
In vain our tangled reasons try  
The path so many feet have trod.

O man of sorrows, man of joy ! —  
Of joy for all thy strife and scars, —  
Whereso thou art among the stars,  
In peace that nothing can destroy, —

Though we our voices may not blend  
With that hoarse chant the centuries raise,  
Yet is it not a sweeter praise  
To say, “ Our brother and our friend ” ?

And if beyond this verge of time  
We know thee better as thou art,  
Wilt thou not clasp us heart to heart,  
As fills our ears the heavenly chime ?

—*John W. Chadwick.*

“*Who art thou, Lord?*” — the question, still, of old !  
Thy silver speech hath opened man’s dull ears,  
Thy wisdom hath turned spirit’s dross to gold,  
And calms us yet, through maze of tangled years.

“*Whence camest thou?*” The Galilean hills  
Which knew thy eager feet and pulsing speech—  
Could they alone inspire the Word that thrills  
The souls of men to farthest ages’ reach ?

Or for thy birth, from Heav’n with rapture rife  
Didst thou indeed descend earth’s woes to leaven ?  
We know not ! — but we know thy words of life  
From mortal birth lift man to birth of Heaven !

—*James H. West.*