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"When Autumn scatters his departing gleams,
Warn'd of approaching Winter."

Thompson.

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THE SOUL.

A PARAPHRASE OF אלהי נשמה שנתת בי

Morning Service.

My God! the soul Thou hast given me,
Is robed in vestal purity;
Pure from Thee it emanated,
So was it by Thy will created—
As richest boon from Heaven bequeathed,
By Thee 'twas formed—in me was breathed;
By Thee inspired; while life remains,
In me Thy might that soul sustains;
In time, the gift from Thee which came,
Wilt Thou at Thine own hour reclaim;
Again to be restored to me,
Immortal in Eternity.

Be then my care, each transient hour,
To praise Thy name, to own Thy power;
My Fathers' God! Almighty Thou!
Before Thy will all creatures bow;

Omnipotent ! all dost Thou control,
 Dread Sovereign Thou, of life and soul ;
 That soul, Thy mercy erst did send,
 That Heaven with earthly mould might blend ;
 That life we render, till Thy breath,
 Proclaims a life that knows no death ;
 Revives the lifeless corpse once more,
 And does to man his soul restore :
 O blessed be Thy name e'er more !



PSALM XXIX.

EXORDIUM.

YE on earth who mighty are,
 Give each day, each praiseful hour,
 Give to Him, more mighty far,
 Honour, glory, strength and power.

Give unto His holy Name,
 Homage due with voice and lyre ;
 Loud the hallowed God proclaim,
 Worship Him in rich attire.



VOICES o'er the waters break,
 Dread His thunders thrill the deep ;
 Floods 'neath Glory's God now quake,
 Awed they from His presence leap.

Forth the Voice of God rebounds,
 Charged with all subduing might ;
 Majesty pervades its sounds,
 Quivering forests shrink in fright.

Cedars feel the voice, and quail,
Proud which stood in Lebanon ;
See, God's voice the trees assail,
Shivered cedars' pride is gone.

Skiping like some youthful steer,
Joying in its strength new-born,
Doth Lebanon itself uprear,
Eke Sirion as the unicorn.

Piercing thro' the fire-fed flame,
Cleaving way God's voice doth make,
Kadesh shrinks as tho' in shame,
Howling wastes that voice doth shake.

Hinds then calve in pain and throe,
Forests stand no more concealed,
Speaks the voice, and answering, lo!
Shines His glory forth revealed.

Filled with praise the sacred fanes,
There they chant the votive prayer ;
God ! He sway o'er floods maintains,
King ! He reigns for e'er and e'er.

Strength He to His nation gives,
Blessèd, bids their ranks increase ;
Pleased the tidings each receives,
" His people He will bless with peace."