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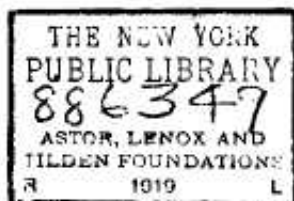
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To My Mother



*God gives us friends...and that means much;
But far above all others,
The greatest of his gifts to earth
Was when He thought of Mothers*



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HYMN FOR THE MOTHER

*My child is lying on my knees;
The signs of heaven she reads;
My face is all the heaven she sees,
Is all the heaven she needs.*

*And she is well, yea, bathed in bliss,
If heaven is in my face, —
Behind it is all tenderness
And truthfulness and grace.*

*I mean her well so earnestly,
Unchanged in changing mood;
My life would go without a sigh
To bring her something good.*

*I also am a child, and I
Am ignorant and weak;
I gaze upon the starry sky,
And then I must not speak;*

*For all behind the starry sky,
Behind the world so broad,
Behind men's hearts and souls doth lie
The Infinite of God.*

*Ay, true to her, though troubled sore,
I cannot choose but be:
Thou who art peace forevermore
Art very true to me.*

Hymn for the Mother

*If I am low and sinful, bring
More love where need is rife;
Thou knowest what an awful thing
It is to be a life.*

*Hast thou not wisdom to enwrap
My waywardness about,
In doubting safety on the lap
Of Love that knows no doubt ?*

*Lo! Lord, I sit in thy wide space,
My child upon my knee;
She looketh up into my face,
And I look up to thee.*

GEORGE MACDONALD

FOREWORD

SCATTERED throughout the works of the great poets, there are many beautiful tributes to mothers and subtle interpretations of motherhood; also, in old as well as in very new poems, there are illuminating suggestions to mothers regarding both their opportunities and their responsibilities. This valuable body of "mother literature" has but one drawback — the fact that it is so diffused. The aim of this book has been to gather together in one volume the very best poems from these various sources, for the use and also for the enjoyment of present-day mothers, both young and old.

E. McC.

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