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'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God'

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Glory and joy and honour to our Lord, And to the Holy Vessel of the Grail. TENNYSON, The Holy Grail.

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