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Lovingly dedicated
to the memory of my two babies
who are now white rosebuds
In the Garden of God

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beautiful leaf on the tree; because each leaf worked according to its strength and power. And no matter how beautiful some looked in the sunshine, or how dark others, they were all *green*; it is only the sunshine that has given them an external beauty.

We are all leaves in the Garden of God. Some of us appear very beautiful when touched by the sunshine of love, health, and prosperity. Some of us seem unlovely when stricken by disease, strained by poverty, saddened by loss, and made lonely without the love that is our God-given right; but if we are the mangled, torn, stunted leaves, we are all *green underneath*.

As the leaf is kept green by the rich sap, which is its life blood flowing through it, so are we kept green by the Divine Light of Love, which is the heritage of us all, rich or poor, beautiful or maimed; and the sunshine of God's smile throws the iridescent colors and makes the only beauty worth having.

While the work of the stunted leaf is as great in its proportion as that of the perfect leaf, if, like the leaf, it has given of its full strength and power.

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INTRODUCTION

And every tiny leaf shall tell
The story of God's wondrous light,
The love that shines through all the day
And sheds its beauty o'er the night.
And though we may in darkness walk,
It is because we will not see
The depth and glory of the love
That sheds its peace o'er land and sea.