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THESE hymns have been brought together for the use of the congregations that gather in the high tide of the year at the Isles of Shoals for their annual summer meetings. Hymns that breathe of the spirit of the outdoor world, the tranquillity of the summer sea and sky, the quiet of the season's withdrawal from the fret and custom of the busy world to be near to Nature's heart, have been especially sought out, and the tone of joyousness and exultant faith has been kept dominant; yet the needs of common worship in all its range of human interest have not been neglected.

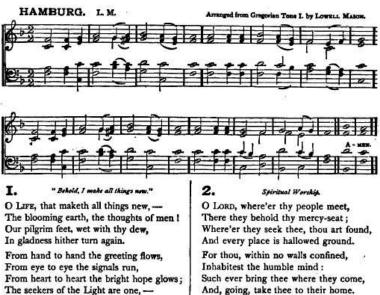
"The Hymns for Church and Home" has been used as the main source of this collection, and several page-plates have been taken from that book without change; but other sources, both American and English, have also been searched out, and our collection has been enriched by several hymns written expressly for this book, or appearing here for the first time for congregational uses.

It is hoped that nothing has been included here that cannot be genuinely sung and honestly felt by those accustomed to worship in this place. Simplicity, sincerity, and spiritual earnestness have been the ideals kept uppermost in its preparation.

G. H. B.



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One in the joy of paths untrod, One in the soul's perennial youth, One in the larger thought of God; The freer step, the fuller breath, The wide horizon's grander view. The sense of life that knows no death. The Life that maketh all things new.

One in the freedom of the Truth,

And, going, take thee to their home. With heavenly grace our souls endue; Thy former mercies here renew; Here to our waiting hearts proclaim The sweetness of thy saving name. Here may we prove the power of prayer, To strengthen faith and sweeten care; To teach our faint desires to rise, And bring all heaven before our eyes.



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Once more our prayers we raise,
And for the refuge of these isles
Give thee our deepest praise.
Here all the myriad sounds of earth
In solemn stillness die;
While wind and wave unite to chant
Their anthems to the sky;
Far, far away the heat and dust
And panting of the race,
While here in Nature's temple vast,

We meet thee face to face.

O God, whose smile is in the sky, Whose path is in the sea,

We gladly turn to thee.

Once more from earth's tumultuous strife,

Once more to thee our songs we sing,

We come as those with toil far spent
Who crave for rest and peace,
And from the care and fret of life
Would find in thee release;
We come as those who yearn to know
The truth that makes men free;
And feel the love that binds us each
To all and all to thee.

O Father, soothe all troubled thought,
Dispel all idle fear,
Purge every heart of secret sin,
And banish every care;
Until, as shine upon the seas
The silent stars above,
There shines upon our trusting souls
The light of thine own love.

John Haynes Holmes.



STILL, still with thee, when purple morning breaketh,
When the bird waketh and the shadows flee;
Fairer than morning, lovelier than the daylight,
Dawns the sweet consciousness, I am with thee!

Alone with thee, amid the mystic shadows, The solemn hush of nature newly born; Alone with thee in breathless adoration, In the calm dew and freshness of the morn.

Still, still with thee! as to each new-born morning
A fresh and solemn splendor still is given,
So doth this blessed consciousness, awaking,
Breathe, each day, nearness unto thee and heaven.

When sinks the soul, subdued by toil, to slumber, Its closing eye looks up to thee in prayer; Sweet the repose beneath thy wings o'ershading, But sweeter still to wake and find thee there.

So shall it be at last, in that bright morning,
When the soul waketh, and life's shadows fice:
Oh, in that hour, fairer than daylight dawning,
Shall rise the glorious thought, I am with thee!

Harrist Beecker Stone.