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'BUT THOU, WHEN THOU PRAYEST, ENTER  
INTO THY CLOSET, AND WHEN THOU HAST  
SHUT THE DOOR, PRAY TO THY FATHER  
WHICH IS IN SECRET.'—MATT. vi. 6.

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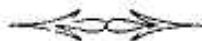


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LORD! with what care hast Thou begirt us round—  
Parents first season us, then schoolmasters deliver  
us to laws ;  
They send us bound to rules and reasons — hea-  
venly messengers,  
Pulpits, and Sundays — sorrow dogging sir,  
Afflictions sorted, anguish of all sizes —  
Fine nets and stratagems to catch us in —  
Bibles laid open — millions of surprises —  
Blessings beforehand — ties of gratefulness  
Without our shames, within our consciences —  
Angels and grace, eternal hope and fears —  
Yet all these fences and their whole array  
One cunning bosom sin blows quite away.

GEORGE HERBERT.