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THE LIFE OF CHRIST

A MEDITATIVE LYRIC

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"The life was the light of men," John 1, 4:

O Thou, the only holy life,
Ordned the light of men to be,
I turn from all my mental strife,
And pray Thee to enlighten me.

Through all the avenues of earth
My soul has wandered in its quest
Of lasting good, but finds a dearth,
And meekly turns to Thee for rest.

There is a spirit all men feel.
A mystic form they could not trace,
A kinship needful to their weal
That lingered long with veiled face,—

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This heavenly kinship, gracious Lord,
In Thy pure life I fain would see:
This hidden glory, long adored,
Thou dost in love reveal to me.

It lights the way to life divine,
And strength affords to walk therein;
It upward draws to love like Thine,
And purifies the heart from sin.

With sorrow for the worthless past,
I turn repentant toward Thy way;
With chastened hope of peace at last
I'll walk with Thee, my light and stay.

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