

INTRODUCTION TO THE CHRISTIAN'S WED- DING RING.

O let me sing a note of praise,
Let ev'ry note through earth resound,
One that will make all voices raise
A strain to draw all nations round.

It must be simple, sweet and pure,
Each heart must play upon the string,
The harmonies must be so sure
That earth will loud its praises ring.

Five tones this melody requires,
Four parts to be together sung,
A skilful leader full of fire,
With instruments in concert strung.

The words all drawn from Holy Writ,
That source from which all knowledge springs,
Without the hollow earthly wit
Which constantly around us rings.

Hear! oh ye kings, give ear princess!
Christian unity I sing.
Let our love, the heart's best incense,
All heathen minds to Jesus bring.

When we weed and rake our garden,
Cherish this sweet and lovely plant,—
Earth will be the lovely Eden
All our senses will enchant.

The curse Christ will from earth efface
When we in love God's truth embrace;
Man's labor will some work achieve—
The Tree of Life will drop its seed.

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