

When leisure, ease and solitude  
I must forego—yet in this mood,  
I'll not forget that Power, above,  
Whose fostering care commands my love,  
But, whilst I toil, still pray and own  
That mercy rests with God alone.

### POETRY.

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#### TO THE ROSSIGNOL.

Welcome ! thrice welcome to thy home,  
Sweet harbinger of spring ;  
Long have I waited thy return,  
Come now and sweetly sing.

Was it cold winter's stormy blast  
That drove thee far from hence ;  
And made thee seek in foreign climes  
A place were thou couldst rest—

Until again mild spring returned,  
In emerald robes arrayed,  
And woods and fields, with one accord,  
Delightful perfume shed ?

Yes, little wanderer, thou hast been  
A stranger for a while ;  
Since then mild spring has graced our plain  
And made the earth to smile.

While every plant and flower combine,  
In all their rich perfume,  
To welcome thee, my pretty bird,  
To this thy native home.

'Tis thy sweet voice can charm the gale,  
The mountain, wood and plain ;  
And make them all re-echo back  
Thy sweet small voice again.

And oft when Sol's resplendent rays,  
Pierce through the dappled cast,  
And gorgeous in his rich attire,  
Sinks in the lowly west ;

Dost thou, sweet little warbler, with  
Thy notes so clear and bright,

Teach us to raise our thoughts on high,  
In holy, pure delight,  
To Him who placed yon brilliant orb  
In heaven's vast concave sphere,  
And bids the raging waves be calm,  
Nor dare again appear :

Such is the love, the power, the truth,  
Of Him who reigns on high,  
That even sparrows cannot fall :  
His hand is ever nigh.

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