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Seasonable Quotations

They gave to Thee
Myrrh, frankincense, and gold;
But, Lord, with what shall we
Present ourselves before Thy Majesty,
Whom Thou redeemest when we were
sold?

We've nothing but ourselves, and scarce
that either;
Vile dirt and clay;
Yet it is soft, and may
Impression take.

Accept it, and on this sordid metal make
Thy holy incense, and it shall outshine
The beauty of the golden mine.
—Jeremy Taylor.

Blow, bugles of battle, the marches of
peace,
East, west, north, and south, let the long
quarrel cease;
Sing the song of great joy that the angels
began,

Sing of glory to God and good-will to man,
Hark! Joining in chorus
The heavens bend o'er us

The dark night is ending, and day is
begun;

Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun,
All speech flow to music, all hearts beat
as one.
—Whittier.

Hark, throughout Christendom, joy-bells
are ringing;

From mountain and valley, o'er land
and o'er sea

Sweet choral melodies pealing and thrilling,
Echoes of ages from far Galilee!

Christmas is here,
Merry old Christmas,
Gift-bearing, heart-touching, joy-bringing
Christmas,

Day of grand memories, king of the
year!
—Ireing.

What There's Time For

Lots of time for lots of things,
Tho' it's said that time has wings.
There is always time to find
Ways of being sweet and kind;
There is always time to share
Smiles and goodness everywhere;
Time to send the frowns away,
Time a gentle word to say,
Time for helpfulness, and time
To assist the weak to climb,
Time to give a little flower,
Time for friendship, any hour,
But—there is no time to spare
For unkindness anywhere.

—Frank W. Hutt.

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