



STAR OF HOPE!

Life's sea was dull and stormy
The light of hope had fled ;
Around my soul in anguish
Temptation's waves had spread.

They lashed my soul in fury
I thought Life's battle lost ;
Despair hung thick upon me,
My soul was tempest-tossed.

A message flew to heaven :
" O Mother ! Aid me now ! "
A star then smiled so sweetly
On Heaven's star-lit brow.

It led my soul through darkness
Far 'cross the raging main
Temptation's waves grew fiercer
Yet splashed and moaned in vain.

A Star of Hope shone brightly
Fresh from a mother's heart ;
It stilled my soul's unquiet
And bade all gloom depart.

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