



## A Christmas Sonnet.

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**T**HE day is nearly dead, the wind is still,  
And ere the world takes shelter for the night  
I come to seek Thee Jesus, neath the light  
That beckons me to Thee whene'er I will.  
Here as I kneel, Thy love and presence fill  
My grateful heart with peace ; within Thy sight  
My petty cares and fears are put to flight,  
And naught remains to tempt my thoughts to ill.  
Ah ! treasured moments ! when the world apart,  
I proffer Thee what Thou dost ask — my heart !  
Three hundred millions bless Thy Birth to-day,  
And here to-day Thou cam'st to visit me ;  
Whenever I receive Thee, Lord, I pray,  
Renew Thy Birth to me, and mine to Thee !

