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**The Star of Peace.**

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**B**ETWEEN the star of war and star of love  
Is hung this earth, mixed scene of love and hate ;  
Sunlight and roses, cooing of the dove,  
Tigers and snakes, and Lazarus at the gate.  
O that the planet closer than the sun,  
A silver fire at morn or close of day  
Would in its circuit nearer to us run,  
And rule our spirits with its heavenly sway !  
Bright love, shine on us through the circling year,  
Thy gentle influences on us send ;  
O'erpower the hate, the cruelty, the fear,  
And Mars' dominion in our planet end.  
So everywhere shall war's fierce raging cease,  
And on the earth descend the reign of peace.

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