

And Love at once the Victim is, and sacred, quenchless fire—

With Love to be flame, holocaust, this Lord, is my desire!

O God consume me, when 't is I, that of Thy flesh partake,

The Bread of Angels set in sight and symbol for our sake,

True Aliment intangible, the splendor of Thy life, The glory that inebriates, the God that makes it rife.

O Savior! Host unique and many, now together we, The Cross will carry, which we dread, to greater victory.

Without Thy help we tremble, fall, and fear to rise again,

With Thee, for Thee, we would endure the suffering and the pain.

Thus all the martyrs on the day of Victory begun, Communicated with the Lord, whose Cross the glory won,

The God, whose cross and triumph, theirs also, was soon to be—

Jesus, make not my song to cease for all eternity!

To-night, sweet Jesus, I but feel, my greater impotence.

And yet, O Lord, do I perceive, a light divine, intense.

Ineffable the mystery I taste within my breast— O let them sing the Seraphin, the choirs of the blest!

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