

## An Evening Song.

The little birds now seek their nest;  
The baby sleeps on mother's breast;  
Thou givest all Thy children rest,  
God of the weary.

The sailor prayeth on the sea;  
The little one's at mother's knee;  
Now comes the penitent to thee,  
God of the weary.

The orphan puts away his fears.  
The troubled hopes for happier years,  
Thou driest all the mourner's tears,  
God of the weary.

Thou sendest rest to tired feet,  
To little toilers slumber sweet,  
To aching hearts repose complete,  
God of the weary.

In grief, perplexity, or pain,  
None ever come to Thee in vain;  
Thou makest life a joy again,  
God of the weary.

We sleep that we may wake renewed,  
To serve Thee as Thy children should,  
With love, and zeal, and gratitude,  
God of the weary.

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The following anecdote of the Bishop is furnished by Bishop Abraham, who was one of his school-fellows.

"Our boats were clumsy in those days and our oars were clumsy. In Selwyn's long boat there were seven oars not good, and one superlatively bad. The boys used to run up town as hard as they could and seize upon one of the seven moderately bad ones, and the last comer got the 'paint pole.' Of course he was sulky all the way up to Sulky Hall, and the other seven

abused him for not pulling his own weight. Every one was out of temper. So George Selwyn determined always to come last. The other fellows chafed him; but he used to laugh, and at last said: "It's worth while my taking that bad one. I used to love to pull the weight of the sulky fellow who had it; now you see all in good humor." This story illustrates his whole after-life. He always took the laboring oar in everything.

Another friend testifies just as we might expect from this trait: "His whole residence at Etna was marked

by kindly co-operation. If there were any misunderstandings among friends, he would not rest until they were reconciled. If pecuniary difficulties fell on any one he would make every effort to extricate him. If his friend fell ill he was the nurse and companion. If they fell under sorrow he was with them at all hours to console and uphold them. Whether it was in spiritual want, or active exercise, or in ordinary amusements, "Whatever his hand found to do he did with his might." Life of Bishop Selwyn.