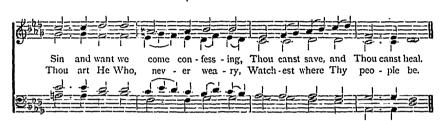
## Sabiour, Breathe an Evening Blessing.





- Though destruction walk around us, Though the arrow past us fly, Angel-guards from Thee surround us, We are safe if Thou art nigh.
- Should swift death this night o'ertake us, And our couch become our tomb, May the morn in Heaven awake us, Clad in light and deathless bloom.
- Father, to Thy holy keeping Humbly we ourselves resign; Saviour, Who hast slept our sleeping, Make our slumbers pure as Thine.
- Blessèd Spirit, brooding o'er us, Chase the darkness of our night, Till the perfect day before us Breaks in everlasting light.

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XIX.-LETTER PUZZLES.

The first of twenty-six;
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Never anybody but myself;
Without a beginning or end;
Never anybody but you;
Five all together, and five quite apart,
Of lessons in grammar nearly always the
start.

XX.—CONUNDRUMS.

Why is the longest day like a fairy tale? Why ought boots and shoes never to wear out?

Why are butchers like huntsmen?

XXI.—Enigma.

I'm always wet; yet I often make folk dry:

I'm very deep, yet often rise up high; I'm life to millions, great and small;

I'm often death, for help men vainly call:

The rich and poor, the lowly and the great,

Are carried on my breast in pride and state;

Restless in storm and sunshine, day and night,

And yet in any mood a glorious sight.

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