

TRUE GIFTS.

HE gives no gift who gives to me
Things rich and rare,
Unless within the gift he give
Of love some share.

He gives no gift who gives to me
Silver and gold,
If but to make his own heart glad ;
Such gift is cold.

He gives me gifts who, giving such,
My wants would ease,
Feeling most pity for my need
In lacking these.

He gives me gifts most rich and rare
Who gives to me,
Out of the riches of his heart,
True sympathy.

He gives best gifts, who, giving nought
Of worldly store,
Gives me his friendship, love and trust—
I ask no more.

—*Laura Harvey, in Chambers' Journal*

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