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POETRY.

EVENING, MORNING AND AT NOON  
WILL I PRAISE THEE.

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning,  
When I wake with the light and behold  
The sun the horizon adorning  
In colours of purple and gold.

And every noon will I render  
My songs of thanksgiving to Thee,  
When I think of Thy name and remember  
Thy goodness to mine and to me.

And again at the coming of even  
I'll haste to my chamber and there  
On my knees to my Father in Heaven  
Give over my soul unto prayer.

O! the precious things wrought by the sunshine,  
The precious things wrought by the rain,  
Three times in a day will I praise Thee  
Till the night-watches echo the strain.

So worshipped the prophet of old—and was blest,  
When he supped with the lions and the lions  
with him—

So chanted the minstrel, and entered his rest  
Exchanging his prayer for the harp and the hymn.

But these are the least of Thy mercies,—  
There is that outmeasures them all:  
All honor, and glory, and blessing,—  
'Tis the grace that redeems from the fall.

For what are the gifts to the Giver?  
What the stream when the Fountain is near?  
One draught from the life-giving river  
Were worth all the waters we've here.

Though the fig-tree may never more blossom;  
Though the fruit of the olive may fail;  
Let me lean this pained head on Thy bosom,  
My Father, and all shall be well.  
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SATURDAY EVENING.

Sweet is the last, the parting ray,  
That ushers placid evening in,  
When with the still, expiring day  
The Sabbath's peaceful hours begin:  
How grateful to the anxious breast  
The sacred hours of holy rest!

Hushed is the tumult of the day,  
And worldly cares and business cease,  
While soft the vesper breezes play,  
To hymn the glad return of peace:  
Delightful season! kindly given  
To turn the wandering thoughts to Heaven.

Oft as this peaceful hour shall come,  
Lord, raise my thoughts from earthly things,  
And bear them to my heavenly home  
On faith and hope's celestial wings,  
Till the last gleam of life decay  
In one eternal Sabbath Day. ANON.

SABBATH EVENING.

How peaceful is this Sabbath eve!  
All nature seems to rest;  
The very billows gently heave  
Upon the Ocean's breast;  
The winds are still, the boughs forbear  
Their swaying in the slumbering air,  
And the soft clouds appear to lie  
Unmoving in the softer sky.

What holy harmony of praise  
From wood and field ascends!  
With that sweet voice which waters raise  
How pleasantly it blends!  
Whilst, sweeter still, the listening ear  
From men's abode the psalm can hear;  
And each new sound increases more  
The quietness so sweet before.

But whence this precious soothing power,  
Felt in the Sabbath's rest?  
Can the mere calmness of the hour  
Itself thus calm the breast?  
Not that alone, but thoughts which bear  
The soul above the reach of care,  
And the assurance, given by this,  
Of rest in Heaven and perfect bliss. M.

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