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## THE FRIEND OF GOD \*

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The friend of God! Of God's the One!  
Of God the Eternal on the throne  
Of this vast universe sublime,  
Within, beyond the fringe of time?

The friend of God! Oh, what am I,  
With faith as flitting as a sigh,  
With soul bereft of self accord,  
To come within Thy presence, Lord!

The friend of God! Ah, who can see  
Ought of a path that leads to Thee?  
Or dare make measure of Thy might  
With darkness for an only light!

The friend of God! Ah me, alas!  
My weakness hideth from Thy face;  
Prostrate, I fall before Thy throne,  
Helpless and aimless, all alone.

The friend of God! Nay, nay, for me,  
There is no service on the knee,  
Groping in soul, till aid may come,  
To help me sift my doubtings dumb.

The friend of God! What is't you say?  
There is a light—the truth, the way!  
Oh give me of it, safe to lead  
My wavering steps where I may plead.

The friend of God! Yea, Christ's own  
friend!  
For was't not He who made amend  
Whereby man's feebleness may see  
A refuge in God's majesty!

The friend of God! The Saviour's friend!  
Oh, may His woes on earth me lend  
His strength of love, to quicken me  
Into the life that maketh free!

The friend of God! Ah, now I know  
What 'tis to Him and Thee I owe;  
Oh God, my God, my Friend above,  
To Thee I owe His wondrous love.

From God the Father, God the Son,  
From God the Spirit—Three in One,  
God's friendship, as the grace that  
shrives,  
Cometh the sole saving in our lives.

\*Written after hearing a sermon by the Rev. Wylie C. Clark, from the pulpit of Chalmer's Church, Quebec, on the occasion of the Christmas Service of 1908, and set to music as an anthem by H. Gordon Perry, Organist.

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