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ALLELUIA !

The strain praise  
Of joy and praise,  
Alleluia !

To the glory of their King,  
Shall the ransomed people sing  
Alleluia !

And the choirs that dwell on high,  
Shall re-echo through the sky  
Alleluia !

They through the fields of Paradise that  
roam, [home,  
The blessed ones, repeat through that bright  
Alleluia !

The planets glittering on their heavenly way,  
The shining constellations join and say  
Alleluia !

Ye clouds that onward sweep !  
Ye winds on pinions light !  
Ye thunders, echoing loud and deep !  
Ye lightnings wildly bright !  
In sweet content unite your  
Alleluia !

Ye floods and ocean billows !  
Ye storms and winter snow !  
Ye days of cloudless beauty !  
Hoar frost and summer glow !  
Ye groves that wave in spring !  
And glorious forests, sing  
Alleluia !

O let the birds with painted plumage gay,  
Exalt their great Creator's praise, and say,  
Alleluia !

Then let the beasts of earth with varying  
strain

Join in Creation's hymn, and cry again  
Alleluia ! [sonorous,  
Here let the mountains thunder forth  
Alleluia !

There let the valleys ring in gentler chorus,  
Alleluia !

Thou jubilant abyss of ocean, cry  
Alleluia !

Ye tracts of earth and continents, reply  
Alleluia !

To God who all creation made,  
The glorious hymn be ever paid ;  
Alleluia !

This is the strain, the eternal strain,  
The Lord of all things loves ;  
Alleluia !

This is the song, the heavenly song,  
That Christ Himself approves ;

Alleluia ! [awaking,  
Therefore we sing with heart and voice  
Alleluia !

And children's voices echo, answer making,  
Alleluia !

From all voices be outpoured  
Alleluia to the Lord ;  
King of kings let all adore,  
Alleluia evermore,  
Alleluia ! Alleluia !  
Alleluia !

—By *Godescalcus*.

VISIONS.

A most difficult subject to handle, but not on that account to be passed by. It was said, in prophecy concerning the present dispensation of the Spirit that, "your young men shall see visions." Provision is then clearly made for such mental and spiritual phenomena in the Gospel, they have their assigned place. What that place is is a legitimate subject for close investigation.

*What they are not.*—It is clear that they do not occupy the same place as in the former dispensations. In the prophetic times they were used of God to communicate to His prophets revelations of His will for the people. Through them He taught ultimate truth for all. But in these times, it is distinctly shown that *all* should be taught of God, and that therefore teaching through visions