

"HEAR, AND YOUR SOUL SHALL LIVE."

"BEHOLD I STAND AT THE DOOR, AND KNOCK."—Revelation iii. 20.

Behold, I stand before thine heart,
And knock with love enduring ;
O sinner rise, undo the door,
Thus perfect peace securing.

I may not stand much longer here,
Rise quickly, lest I leave thee :
When thou wilt mourn with bitter grief
That thou would'st not receive Me.

When morning dawned I stood without,
And knocked with patience tender,
Imploing thee to let Me in
To be thy soul's defender.

But no ; thou bid'st Me turn away,—
Life's son was scarcely rising :
Thou could'st not think about Me then,
All earthly joys despoising.

Again I knocked . day then was high,
But yet thou would'st not hear Me :
The world had failed, and thou wert sad,
But still I might not cheer thee.

Now eve is here, and yet I stand
Still knocking at thy portal ;
Ah ! what if night descend on thee,
O hapless, Christless mortal !

If thou wilt not undo the door,
No force its bars shall sever ;
I yet may knock at other hearts,
But thine I leave for ever.

And thou shalt stand, a lonely soul,
Outside the Golden City,
And knock for mercy ; but, alas !
These none will give thee pity.

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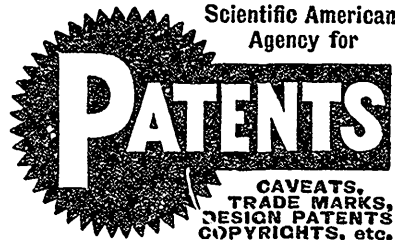
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