

LOVE AND FATE

If thy soul loves the noble thought,
The kindly word and deed,
And loves those realms wherein they dwell
That joy may thy soul feed:
Then shall thy life reflect the thoughts
And deeds which moved thy soul,
And radiate its lovely light,
That cheers and makes life whole.

If thy soul loves ideals most fair
Of service and duty,
And feels the worth of those great lives
Who moulded its beauty:
Then shall thy life o'erflow with zeal
To emulate them, too,
By nobler service everywhere—
More loving and more true.

If thy soul loves the Word of God,
And in it finds thy peace,
Believing that its mighty power,
Alone will make strife cease:
Then shall thy life possess that strength
Which comes from love divine,
And leads the soul to holy heights,
That do earth's joys outshine.