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## A SONG OF HARVEST

John Greenleaf Whittier.

This day, two hundred years ago,  
The wild grape by the river's side,  
And tasteless groundnut trailing low,  
The table of the woods supplied.

Unknown the apple's red and gold,  
The blushing tint of peach and pear;  
The mirror of the Powow told  
No tale of orchards ripe and rare.

Wild as the fruits he scorned to till,  
These vales the idle Indian trod;  
Nor knew the glad creative skill,  
The joy of him who toils with God.

O Painter of the fruits and flowers!  
We thank Thee for Thy wise design  
Whereby these human hands of ours  
In Nature's garden work with Thine.

And thanks that from our daily need  
The joy of simple faith is born;  
That he who smites the summer weed,  
May trust Thee for the autumn corn.

Give fools their gold, and knaves their  
power;  
Let fortune's bubbles rise and fall;  
Who sows a field, or trains a flower,  
Or plants a tree, is more than all.

For he who blesses most is blest;  
And God and man shall own his  
worth  
Who toils to leave as his bequest  
An added beauty to the earth.

And soon, or late, to all that sow,  
The time of harvest shall be given;  
The flower shall bloom, the fruit shall  
grow,  
If not on earth, at last in heaven.

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