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### Through the Night Watches.

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Protector of the faint and frail,  
And Guardian of the lone in heart,  
When earthly loves and friendships fail,  
And when with treasured hopes we part,

Draw near; for through our tear-dimmed eyes  
We cannot see Thee as Thou art,  
Thou tender Christ,—Thou good, Thou wise,  
O reassure the doubting heart!

O Father! I am weak, and spent  
With wrestling and with watching long!

Oh, would one ray of cheer were sent  
To ease this grief ere morning song!

And o'er this wound, that none may know  
Save Thou alone to whom I pray,  
The mantle of Thy pity throw,  
And bring fresh courage with the day!

Did morn e'er break so cold, so gray!—  
How can I rise to meet its needs,  
Knowing full well that all the way  
Now over crags and torrents leads?

For this new path of pain untold,  
Beset with briars and thorns that fret,  
Give greater patience than of old—  
Love me the more! Help me forget!

Nay, give me strength to cast the whole  
Of this black burden at Thy feet;  
And turn the bitter of my soul  
Into a psalm both strong and sweet.

O Father of the faint and frail,  
And Guardian of the lone in heart,  
Be near when earthly friendships fail,  
And when with treasured hopes we part.

Toronto.

"Teachers, do you regard your Sunday School work as an opportunity or as an obligation and a burden?" is the pertinent question asked in a recent Sunday School publication, and we pass it on.