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## The Meaning of Pain

The cry of man's anguish went up unto God:

"Lord take away pain—

Lord, take away pain from the world Thou hast made,

The close-coiling chain

That tangles the heart, the burden that weighs

On the wings that would soar—

Lord, take away pain from the world Thou hast made,

That it love Thee the more!"

Then answered the Lord to the cry of His world:

Shall I take away pain,

And with it the power of the soul to endure,

Made strong by the strain?

Shall I take away pity that knits heart to heart

And sacrifice high?

Will ye lose all your heroes that lift from the fire

White brows to the sky?

Shall I take away love that redeems with a price

And smiles at its loss?

Can ye spare from your lives that would climb into mine,

The Christ on His Cross?"

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