THE CITY'S POOR.

THE wintry winds are blowing through the willows in the street,

And, up the snowy pavement, comes the tramp of weary feet.

O footsteps of the homeless, sounding far into the night!

The stars, in the blue heavens, clear, are list'ning with delight.

O hearts with hunger breaking for the sound of a kind voice!

Hark! hark! the winds are calling: "Love is near—poor ones rejoice!"

O eyes tear-stained and longing for the smile on some bright face!

O lips in pray'r glad moving in you dismal marketplace!

O souls in love now yearning for that peace, eternal rest,

High o'er you there is watching, from the dear home of the blest,

A mighty King and Father, standing at night's jeweled door,

His eyes a-flame with pity

As He watches o'er HIS poor.

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