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# The Invisible.

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A N is born with an instinct of immortality. His soul darts upward as to his native air. His existence begins with a feeling of kinship for the spiritual and the heavenly. It is not an instinct for an earthly immortality, as that would carry with it such a form of punishment as is extremely revolting to the human soul. The legend of the Wandering Jew, doomed to travel unresting through this world, is an existence not only very undesirable, but terrible in its contemplation. The true instinct is for an immortality beyond the earth. It is inherent among the peoples of every land. Among the savage and civilized races of men there is ever a longing for the land beyond the river, when affliction comes to their hearts and homes. In our serious moments we cry,

"Oh, may I join the choir invisible,

Of those immortal dead who live again,

In minds made better by their presence."

In times of sorrow it is natural for man to cry aloud for help. Upward and not downward his prayers travel. Toward the spirit land his soul aspires. Untaught he may be, still there dwells within a divine teacher, who will guide him toward God. There dwells in man a germ of divinity that, like the seed, is ever striving to climb upward to kiss the sunlight and to find its Maker. The tender plant is ever seeking the light, turning toward it if hidden from