

Where, for a time in servitude they should
Be taught of God, and learn the finest arts
In order to be mighty as a race,
When He should lead them forth into the land,
Which by the covenant with Abraham
Was theirs and their posterities' for aye.

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Full often we are placed in custody
To circumstances, fraught with vast concern
To other's interests and God's designs ;
Yet all too slowly grasp their full import,
And struggle to evade environments,
Which seem to militate against our good,
God makes us span the breach, though darkened with
Uncertainty, that others might be saved ;
That men in turn might know the mystery
Involved in many of His mighty schemes,
To benefit the children of His care,
And bring them to eternal blessedness.
A nation, or a world enthralled, cannot
Emancipated be, lest souls are found
Heroic for the task, and yield themselves
To God's directing Hand to work His will.
Do thou thy given work, it shall succeed,
In thine or in thy fellow's ripened day,
E'en should'st thou be a martyr to a cause,
For every human life supplied
To make the chain of service complete ;
And everyone shall just reward receive,
From Him who fashioneth immortal crowns,
And placeth them upon each victor's brow.