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(PSALM CXXVI.)

It was like a dream of gladness  
Breaking on a night of sadness,  
When the Lord to Zion turning,  
    Bade her weary wanderers come!  
Then our mouth was filled with singing,  
And with joy the valleys ringing,  
Made the very heathen wonder  
    At the bliss that brought us home!

For great things the Lord did for us,—  
And we joined the joyful chorus:—  
Thou wilt turn us and refresh us,  
    As the desert stream in rain.  
Tearful sowing has glad reaping—  
Precious seed, borne forth in weeping,  
Shall by God the Spirit's blessing,  
    Bring the golden sheaves again!

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