

in theological and all other science, that the plainest things right at hand are the last to be observed accurately and read aright. To perceive such things clearly

and interpret them for us is often the highest genius, nay a veritable inspiration of God. JOHN SCRINGER.  
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### THE GIFT OF GOD.

Beside the man the maiden stands  
To bind twin hearts that once were free ;  
Each whispers o'er the clasping hands,  
"Behold, I give myself to thee."

The Saviour's mystic union with  
His fair Church Bride, herein we see :  
'Tis His voice " You and I are kith,  
Behold I give myself to thee."

When holy babe of Bethlehem  
Lay cradled on the Virgin's knee,  
In Joseph's arms, to each of them  
He said, " I give myself to thee."

So babes in baptism hear Him speak,  
"Thy cleansing fount behold in Me,  
O little one ; however weak  
Thou art, I give Myself to thee."

And when we taste the bread and wine,  
That call to mind the accursed tree,  
We hear our surety's words divine,  
"Behold, I give Myself to thee."

O love of God, our spirits thrill  
Thine accents breathing tenderly,  
"Thou mayest mock, betray, nay kill,  
Yet still I give Myself to thee."

Our spirits by Thy Spirit make  
All Thine own love would have them be,  
To cry abroad, " For Jesus' sake,  
O world, I give myself to thee."