



AUTUMNAL HYMN.

The leaves, around me falling,
Are preaching of decay,
The hollow winds are calling—
"Come, pilgrim, come away!"
The day in night declining
Says I too must decline,
The year its bloom resigning—
Its lot foreshadows mine!

The light my path surrounding,
The loves to which I cling,
The hopes within me bounding,
The joys that round me wing—
All, all, like stars of even,
Just gleam and shoot away,
Pass on before to heaven,
And chide at my delay.

The friends gone there before me
Are calling from on high,
And happy angels o'er me
Tempt sweetly to the sky.
"Why wait," they say, "and wither
'Mid scenes of death and sin?
O rise to glory hither,
And find true life begin!"

I hear the invitation,
And fain would rise and come,
A sinner to salvation,
An exile to his home;
But while I here must linger,
Thus, thus, let all I see
Point on with faithful finger
To heaven, O Lord, and Thee!

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