Cast thy bread upon the waters,
Ye who have but scant supply;
Angel eyes will watch above it,
You shall find it by-and-bye!
He who in His righteous balance
Doth each human action weigh,
Will your sacrifice remember,
Will your loving deeds repay.

Cast thy bread upon the waters,
Waft it on with praying breath;
In some distant, doubtful moment
It may save a soul from death.
When you sleep in solemn silence,
'Neath the morn and evening dew,
Stranger hands, which you have strengthened,
May strew lilies over you.