

At ease in Zion! Shall no sense of shame
Arouse us from the self-indulgent dreaming?
No pity for the world? No love to Him,
Who braved life's sorrow and man's disesteeming;
Us to God's light and life by his dark death redeeming?

"IT'S SO DARK, FATHER, GIVE ME YOUR HAND."

I heard a good brother relate in our prayer-meeting a touching incident, which I have never seen in print. One dark and stormy night, a gentleman's little girl, who slept in a small bed beside his own, became disturbed and restless in her sleep. The rumbling thunder and raging storm without alarmed her, and she began to cry. Her father spoke, and asked, "What is, it, daughter?" O, father, it's so dark here! Please give me your hand to hold." Putting his hand in both of hers and folding them across her breast, the little one was comforted, and soon fell asleep.

The gentleman had been greatly troubled about business matters. A large family were dependent upon his exertions for support. He was greatly straitened in money matters, and the future seemed all dark before him. What could he do? Far into the night he had been debating that question, when he was disturbed by his little daughter. What could he do? Had not the child answered the question for him? What could he do but take hold of his heavenly Father's hand, and hold on to it, while darkness lasted? Aye, hold on to it in the darkness and in the light, too.

THE PEACE OF GOD.

There is a peace the world can not bestow
Nor take away; and they in joy do go
Who but possess it, for its charm is sure,
And doth through all the ills of life endure,—
It makes the sad rejoice, the weak feel strong,
The troubled soul burst forth in joyous song,
Which may be heard above the din of strife—
An antidote for all the cares of life.
Oh, peace of God! may I thy power enjoy,
And in Thy praise my life shall find employ;
Thou shalt me fend from every evil way—
Make all the darkness turn to brightest day—
Till safe within the everlasting arms
My soul shall rest secure from all alarms.

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—J. Imrie.