

In the Hymnal of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, 1911, edited by the distinguished hymnologist Dr. Louis F. Benson, the tune *Walden* is set to the following beautiful verses from the pen of Dr. Benson. They are a translation made in 1896 from some Latin verses of Charles Coffin, 1736.

1 OUR praises, LORD, Thou dost not need ;
 'Tis rather that Thy love
 Would have Thy children come to plead
 For blessings from above.

2 The secrets of Thy dark decrees
 Deep night in silence sings ;
 Thy mercy's light, in golden seas,
 The flooding sunshine brings.

3 Nor thought nor voice fulfil their part,
 When by such wonders thrilled ;
 Yet love that pulses through the heart
 Refuses to be stilled.

4 So let it speak our FATHER'S praise,
 To Thee Whose grace affords
 A present help in evil days,
 A hope of great rewards.

5 To them our dearest wishes rise,
 Though earthly thoughts contend :
 O JESUS, draw us toward the skies,
 And guide us till the end.