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## LIFE'S SOVEREIGNTY

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Life's true ministry is sovereign,
Serve we either good or ill,
Every breath and every heart throb,
Leaves imprint indelible.

Flowers which grow in wayside places, Mid the mosses green and grey, Fling their perfume o'er the meadows, Tho' they blossom but a day.

Thus our life—God's gift supernal, Circumscribed, secluded, caged, Unreputed, sin-environed, Unapplauded, left unpaged.

When enthroned, thro' soul emotions, Sways a sceptre ocean wide: Reaching shores, here, undiscovered, Hidden by death's sombre tide. Vast creation's complex kingdom, Arched in widening azure zone, Nature's realm, Heaven predestined,— Makes obeisance to Life's throne.

Oh! how mad is man's surrender! See him scorn this proud domain, Choose the transient, spurn the eternal, A slave to Pleasure, Wealth and Fame.

Wealth,—the sheen of passing pageants; Fame,—the echo service brings; Pleasure,—symphony's fleet motions; Shared by peasants, priests and kings.

Knowledge, Wisdom, Culture, Power,— Joys to sages, jests to fools,— All are merely life's contingents; Old Earth's toys, Time's tenting tools.

Life alone is all potential, Given to conquer, love, enthrall, Calvary's King of Life the Life is; "Crown Him, Crown Him Lord of all."

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