

Till Eve the Serpent's voice beguil'd,  
 To taste the tree that God forbid ;  
 This sin brought death to man and child,  
 And the Good Spirit from us hid.

Sin spread itself, till once again  
 The earth was altogether dark ;  
 For forty days a constant rain  
 Drown'd all but those within the Ark.

For ten long months and forty days,  
 Light never shed on earth a beam  
 Of its life-giving growth and rays,  
 For water cover'd every seam.

Then once again, for mankind's sake,  
 The Spirit caus'd the earth to yield ;  
 To Noah in the Ark God spake,  
 And fruitful soon was man and field.

God then a covenant made with man,  
 The token of it is a bow,  
 Which always does the heavens span ;  
 Lights, varied colors in a row.

Thus when the earth baptised had been,  
 A sacramental sign God gave,  
 That light from earth He would not screen,  
 And man from evil He would save.

Then as a Priest the Spirit came ;  
 Bread and wine, our spiritual food,  
 With blessing He to Abram gave,  
 And told him that he always should

Possessor be of Heaven and earth ;  
 Now beasts, and birds, and fishes all,  
 Assist Him in His joy and mirth,  
 And are obedient to His call.

In a vision Abram did  
 With this Spirit again commune ;  
 Five beasts and birds he now him bid  
 Prepare,—holy fire did consume.

Five sacramental types behold,  
 Which it appears our God requires ;  
 Encircle these within the fold,  
 And earth will blaze with holy fire.