

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.