Heavens Honour

I saw the mighty angel of Heaven's honour
Descending on the earth. A sword he bare,
Which on the sudden smote, and mightily,
Falsehood into eclipse; his other hand
Gathered unto him, father-like and tender,
The souls of those who suffered for his sake.
Some he did comfort, interfusing strength
And patience to endure what must ensue
From battle nobly joined; and certain souls
To whom the appointed time was come to die
He did translate, in splendour and new power,
A moving cloud of glory, to that realm
Where those who died for honour, greatly dwell,
Crowned with pure radiance everlastingly.