

Said Israel, "And thou art still alive,
It is enough to satisfy my soul,
And let me die at peace with Heaven and earth!"
Then Joseph said, "My soul doth magnify
The Lord, that we are spared to see this day,
And marvel at His grace on us bestowed,
Through intervening years of hope and fear:
With such our hearts shall alternate no more,
But rest with grief assuaged in unity;
Beneath high Heaven's smiles, and yet enjoy
The fruitage of the toil of by-gone years."
With courtesy and love he greeted all,
And some presented to the nation's King,
With Israel, who, blest him on his throne,
And praised him for his favour to his son.

II.

Thus Israel, with all his family host,
Was by the Hand of God, with Joseph linked
In destiny sublime, and by him loved
And nourished through the years of widespread ill;
That visited the nations far and wide.
And thus, the latter days of Israel,
Instead of dragging out 'mid earthly gloom,
Were in fruition spent, and when the days
Of exit to the Spirit Land drew on,
'Twas hailed with joy and met with faith serene,
Triumphant in the promises of God.