

The Thabor of Prayer.

" Lord, it is good for us to be here."

Sweet Presence that attends our prayers,
Invisible yet near;
O patient Listener awaiting ever,
And never aweary to hear—
On the breath of petition my spirit upsoars,
To be lost in the love of the God it adores.

Lip-words are tokens for men: for Thee, Lord,
Form the speech in my heart.

Read there what Thou likest, as Thou likest—content
I, to be where Thou art;

To be as Thou willest, these few moments at least,
When, with Thee communing, all things else have ceased.

Is it Peter that says: let us build an abode;
It is good to be here?

Nay, sweeter than Thabor is Thy whisper, O Lord:
"It is I, do not fear."

And I feel as I kneel at the call of Thy voice
All my being rejoice—

At the glow of Thy grace, at the flow of Thy peace,
All human cares cease:—

And Thy presence unseen encompassing me,
My Lord and my God! in sweet converse with Thee,
Be my life all its days
Only this: Thy praise.

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