

PRAYER FOR NIGHTFALL.

We have imaged sweet visions undimmed by earth's care,  
As bright as the rainbow, than daylight more fair ;  
But thought cannot fathom, nor fancy portray,  
The glories that fade not and pass not away.

Oh, glorious land which no darkness may know,  
No shadows are there, and no tear-drops may flow ;  
There beauty and gladness for ever shall last,  
And earth with its cares be a dream of the past.

But naught that defileth shall enter therein,  
All, all shall be pure and unspotted by sin ;  
And the blest ones who bask in those heavenly beams  
Have washed their robes in the Blood that redeems.

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SUNSET has faded from the sky,  
Among the trees the night winds sigh ;  
Upon the earth deep shadows fall,  
And darkness broodeth over all.  
Saviour, whose deep and earnest prayer  
Rose on the lonely, midnight air,  
Be near us, listen to our cry,  
Ere slumber close the weary eye.

Soon will night's curtain be withdrawn,  
And stars grow pale in early dawn ;  
Soon will the shadows pass away,  
And darkness yield to glorious day.  
Saviour, who while the world still slept,  
A lonely, prayerful vigil kept,  
When sunbeams chase the darkness drear,  
Oh, let us wake to find Thee near.

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