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(Charles Mackay.)

'Lord, we are thankful for the air,

For breath of life, for water fair,

For morning burst, for noonday light

For alternation of the night,

For place in Thy infinity —

Lord, we are thankful unto Thee!

'For years and seasons as they run,
For wintry cold and summer sun,
For seedtime and the autumn store
In due succession evermore,
For flower and fruit, for herb and tree,
Lord, we are thankful unto Theel

'For beauty and delight of sound
That float the universe around —
For carol of the happy birds,
For fall of stream, for gush of words,
For music of the earth and sea,
Lord, we are thankful unto Thee!

'For daily toil that we endure,
For labor's recompense secure,
For wholesome zest of appetite,
For food and drink, and slumbers light,
For vigorous health and pulses free,
Lord, we are thankful unto Thee!

'For fellowship with humankind, For pure emotions of the mind, For joy that were not joy sincere Unless for sorrow's previous tear, For hope and love and sympathy, Lord, we are thankful unto Thee!

'For conscience, and its voice of awe—
Thy whisper when we break Thy law—
For knowledge of Thy power divina,
And wisdom, mighty as benign;
For all we are, and hope to be,
Lord, we are thankful unto Thee!