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God is love.

C. M.

AMID the splendors of thy state,
 My God thy love appears
 With the soft radiance of the moon
 Among a thousand stars.

2 Nature through all her ample round
 Thy boundless power proclaims,
 And in melodious accent speaks
 The goodness of thy names.

3 Thy justice, holiness and truth,
 Our solemn awe excite;
 But the sweet charms of sov'reign grace
 O'erwhelm us with delight.

4 Sinai, in clouds and smoke and fire,
 Thunders thy dreadful name;
 But Sion sings, in melting notes,
 The honors of the Lamb.

5 In all thy doctrines and commands,
 Thy counsels and designs,
 In ev'ry work thy hands have fram'd,
 Thy love supremely shines.

6 Angels and men the news proclaim
 Through earth and heav'n above,
 The joyful, the transporting news,
 That God, the Lord, is love!

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A Song of Praise to God.

L. M.

TO God, the universal King,
 Let all mankind their tribute bring;
 All that have breath, your voices raise
 In songs of never-ceasing praise.

2 The spacious earth on which we tread,
 And wider heav'ns stretch'd o'er our head,
 A large and solemn temple frame
 To celebrate its Builder's fame.