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A PETITION.

"Hast Thou, my Master, ought for me to do
To honor Thee to-day?
Hast Thou a word of love to some poor soul
That mine may say?
For, see this world that Thou hast made so fair
Within its heart is sad;
Thousands are lonely, thousands sigh and weep,
But few are glad.
But which among them all is mine to-day?
Oh, guide my willing feet
To some poor soul that, fainting on the way,
Needs counsel sweet;
Or into some sick room where I may speak
With tenderness of Thee;
And, showing who and what Thou art,
O Christ,
Bid sorrow flee.
Or, unto one whose straits call not for words,
To one in want, in need;
Who will not counsel, but will take from me
A loving deed.
Surely thou hast work for me to do;
Oh, open Thou mine eyes!
To see how Thou wouldst ever have it done,
And where it lies."

PER PACEM AD LUCEM.

I do not ask, O Lord, that life may be
A pleasant road;
I do not ask that Thou wouldst take from me
Ought of its load;
I do not ask that flowers should always spring
Beneath my feet,
I know too well the poison and the sting
Of things too sweet.
For one thing only, Lord, dear Lord,
I plead,
Lead me aright—
Though strength should falter and though heart should bleed
Though Peace to Light,
I do not ask, O Lord, that Thou shouldst shed
Full radiance here:
Give but a ray of Peace, that I may tread
Without a fear.
I do not ask my cross to understand,
My way to see—
Better in darkness just to feel Thy hand,
And follow Thee.
Joy is like restless day, but Peace
Divine
Like quiet night:
Lead me, O Lord, till perfect day shall shine
Though Peace to Light.

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