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## God Means Us To Be Happy.

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God means us to be happy;  
He fills the shortlived years  
With loving, tender mercies —  
With smiles as well as tears.  
Flowers blossom by the pathway.  
Or, withering, they shed  
Their sweetest fragrance over  
The bosoms of our dead.

God filled the earth with beauty,  
He touched the hills with light;  
He crowned the waving forest  
With living verdure bright;  
He taught the birds its carol,  
He gave the wind its voice.  
And to the smallest insect  
Its moment to rejoice.

What life hath not its blessing?  
Who hath not songs to sing,  
Or grateful words to utter  
Or wealth of love to bring?  
Tried in affliction's furnace  
The gold becomes more pure—  
So strong doth sorrow make us,  
So patient to endure.

No way is dark and dreary  
If God be with us there;  
No danger can befall us  
When sheltered by his care.  
Why should our eyes be blinded?  
To all earth's glorious bloom?  
Why sit we in the shadow  
That falls upon the tomb?

Look up and catch the sunbeams!  
See how the day doth dawn!  
Gather the scented roses  
That grow beside the thorn!  
God's pitying love doth seek us;  
He leads us to his rest;  
And from a thousand pathways  
He chooses what is best.

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