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“THE NIGHT COMETH.”

Watch the sun sweep o'er the sky.  
Low, in the cradle of light,  
Born at the dawn of the day ;  
Smiling the cloudlets away ;  
Making us promises bright.

Work !

There at its noon it is shining.

Work !

Far in the west sky declining.

Work !

For the night—the dark night—draweth  
nigh.

The golden sun has touched the hill ;  
And all my life seems robbed of worth.  
The light is fading from the earth ;  
The night is coming drear and chill.  
“Stand still, O sun ! Great sun !  
My work is not yet done ;  
The goal of life not won.”

Heedlessly, heartlessly sinking,  
The sun goes out of sight ;  
Mournfully, fearfully thinking,  
I wait the dreaded night.  
There comes no sound upon the breeze ;  
I feel a silent loneliness ;  
I feel the darkness of distress ;  
A blackness broods about the trees.

The darkest night will have its dawn,  
And oft precedes a sunny morn.  
Joy treads the very steps of grief ;  
Man's trials and his life are brief.  
Peace follows strife, as spreads the blue  
Behind the storm-cloud's leaden hue.  
Our toils but bring a sweeter rest,  
And earth will make e'en Heaven more  
blest.<sup>a</sup>

What are those stars in the sky ?  
Stars in the form of a cross ;  
Shedding a Heavenly light ;

Charming the blackness of night,  
Far from their silvery course.

Hark !

There is a voice from above.

Hark !

Still He is speaking in love.

Hark !

For the night—the dark night—now is nigh.

“Thy work is Mine ;

Mine thine.

Give Me thy sin confessed,

Take thou My sinlessness ;

Give Me thy weariness,

Take My eternal rest.”

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HOW TO KNOW THE VOICE OF  
GOD.

There is one condition which is always exacted, is always present, and the absence of which must of necessity prevent the Christian, however ardent in his pursuit of this knowledge, from knowing intimately and constantly the voice of his Divine Guide. But this one and principal condition is generally the very last which is accepted on our part. This chief condition is absolute self-abandonment to be led in *all things*, great and small, by the Holy Spirit. The vow of absolute surrender which the Jesuit makes to his superior is not more exacting than that which we are called on to make to our Guide.

We become co-partners with the God-head, and the executive of that co-partnership, the Divine Spirit, in His special work of guiding into all truth, must have complete right of way throughout our entire being. We no longer act in any