

# SUNDAY SCHOOL BANNER

for  
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AND  
YOUNG PEOPLE.

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## Sometime.

Sometime, when all life's lessons have  
been learned,  
And sin and stars forevermore have  
set,

The things which our weak judgments  
here have spurned,

The things o'er which we grieved with  
lashes wet,

Will flash before us out of life's dark  
night,

As stars shine most in deeper tints of  
blue ;

And we shall see how all God's plans  
were right,

And how what seemed reproof was  
love most true.

And we shall see how, while we frown  
and sigh,

God's plans go on as best for you and  
me ;

How when we called he heeded not our  
cry,

Because his wisdom to the end could  
see ;

And e'en as prudent parents disallow  
Too much of sweet to craving baby-  
hood,

So God, perhaps, is keeping from us  
now

Life's sweetest things because it seem-  
eth good.

And if sometimes, commingled with life's  
wine,

We find the wormwood, and rebel and  
shrink,

Be sure a wiser hand than yours or mine  
Pours out this potion for our lips to  
drink ;

And if some friend we love is lying low,  
Where human kisses cannot reach his  
face,  
Oh, do not blame the loving Father so,  
But wear your sorrow with obedient  
grace !

And you shall shortly know that length-  
ened breath

Is not the sweetest gift God sends his  
friend,

And that sometimes the sable pall of  
death

Conceals the fairest boon his love can  
send.

If we could push ajar the gates of life,  
And stand within and all God's work-  
ings see,

We could interpret all this doubt and  
strife,

And for each mystery could find a key.

But not to-day. Then be content, poor  
heart ;

God's plans, like lilies pure and white,  
unfold.

We must not tear the close-shut leaves  
apart ;

Time will reveal the calyxes of gold ;  
And if through patient toil we reach the  
land

Where tired feet with sandals loose  
may rest,

When we shall clearly know and under-  
stand,

I think that we will say : " God knew  
the best."

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up and down the earth declaring that  
somebody else is narrow.

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