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## "My Times are in Thy Hand."

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FATHER, I know that all my life  
Is portioned out for me,  
And the changes that are sure to come,  
I do not fear to see;  
But I ask Thee for a present mind.  
Intent on pleasing Thee.

I ask Thee for a thoughtful love,  
Through constant watching wise,  
To meet the glad with joyful smiles,  
And to wipe the weeping eyes;  
And a heart at leisure from itself,  
To soothe, and sympathize.

I would not have the restless will  
That hurries to and fro,  
Seeking for some great thing to do,  
Or secret thing to know;  
I would be treated as a child,  
And guided where I go.

Wherever in the world I am  
In whatsoever estate,  
I have a fellowship with hearts  
To keep and cultivate;  
And a work of lowly love to do,  
For the Lord on whom I wait.

So I ask Thee for the daily strength,  
To none that ask denied,  
And a mind to blend with outward life,  
While keeping at Thy side;  
Content to fill a little space  
So Thou be glorified.

And if some things I do not ask,  
In my cup of blessing be,  
I would have my spirit filled the more,  
With grateful love to Thee,—  
More care,—not to serve Thee much,  
But to please Thee perfectly.

In a service which Thy will appoints,  
There are no bonds for me;  
For my inmost heart is taught "the truth"  
That makes Thy children "free;"  
And a life of self-renouncing love  
Is a life of liberty.

## Safe in Palestine.

SAFED in Palestine, twelve miles north of Tiberias, is one of the sacred cities of the Jews. It stands on a declivity of a mountain, crowned by the ruins of a Gothic castle. Prior to the year 1837, it was much larger and a more handsome city than it is at present; but in that year it was partially destroyed by an earthquake, and six thousand Jews, three hundred Moslems, and a number of Christians were killed. The Jews of the present day look upon it as a holy city on account of its connection with learned and revered rabbis and good men. Only a few miles without the city are tombs of celebrated Jews, to which thousands of their countrymen make pilgrimages, often burning costly articles of dress in honour of the illustrious dead. It is the ardent wish of the Jews to die here, because they believe that the expected Messiah will make this place His capitol. There are several synagogues in the town, also a college for the instruction in Hebrew and the Talmud.