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DISCOURAGEMENTS

Discouraged, little maiden,
Because your sun is hard?
A merry heart makes figures smile;
They mock your sadness all this while,
With sunny face and purpose strong,
The answer 'll come ere long.

Discouraged, anxious mother?
The child must be a child.
Serious thoughts will come with years;
With hopeful heart, instead of tears.
Sow goodly seed, ere youth be gone;
The reaping comes anon.

Discouraged, weary teacher?
Call you your labour vain?
The little hands that restless play,
And rise before you day by day,
In life's stern school may bear brave part;
O weary one, take heart!

Discouraged, faithful pastor?
Hast toiled and waited long?
Thou may'st not know the flames divine
Kindled in hearts by words of thine;
Waiting is weary, but—the crown!—
Brave soul, be not cast down!

Discouraged, Christian soldier,
Because the fight goes hard?
The more the need of your strong arm.
Up! bravely sound the loud alarm!
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On, to the mortal strife!

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