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And is there care in Heaven, and is there love,
In heavenly spirits to these creatures base,
That may compassion of their evils move?
There is—else much more wretched were the case
Of men than beasts. But O the exceeding grace
Of highest God that loves His creatures so,
And all His works with mercy doth embrace,
That blessed Angels He sends to and fro
To serve to wicked man, to serve His wicked foe.

How oft do they their silver bowers leave
To come to succor us who comfort wait;
How oft do they with golden pinions cleave
The flitting skies like flying pursuivants,
Against foul fiends to aid us militant,
They for us fight, they watch and duly ward
And their bright squadrons round about us plant,
And all for love, and nothing for reward,
O why should heavenly God to man have such regard.

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