

But Christ has bruis'd the Serpent's head,
 And curb'd his great and wondrous power ;
 When he returns to wake the dead,
 His Angel chains him in that hour.

LUKE XIII. 32.

When Christ did on this earth appear,
 The Devil first as man was seen ;
 To tempt us he is always near—
 Various is his shape and mien.

He dar'd our Lord himself to tempt ;
 But foil'd, he plung'd with rage in men ;
 And women were not then exempt—
 From Magdalene Christ cast out seven.

See how those devils knew our Lord,
 And trembled when they saw His face ;
 They flew when He but spake the word—
 The swine into the lake did chase.

The Devil still does men possess,
 When evil passions do enthrall ;
 His idols seem to have a zest
 And pow'r to make men hear his call.

Slyly he flatters and deceives,
 Allures each one with some device ;
 Inflates with pride or love of ease—
 With golden rays he does entice.

Men blindly nibble at his fruit,
 Although its poison well they know
 His snares are laid each one to suit,
 Causing his evil seed to grow.