

Waste not thy being ; back to Him  
Who freely gave it, freely give ;  
Else is that being but a dream,—  
'Tis but to *be*, and not to *live*.

Be wise, and use thy wisdom well,  
Who wisdom *speaks* must *live* it too:  
He is the wisest who can tell  
How first he *lived*, then *spoke* the true.

Fill up each hour with what will last ;  
Buy up the moments as they go ;  
The life above, when this is past,  
Is the ripe fruit of life below.

*Hymns of Faith and Hope.*