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Prayer.

" Lord what a change within us, one short hour
Spent in thy presence will prevail to make,
What heavy burdens from our bosoms take,
What parched grounds refresh as with a shower!
We kneel, and all around us seems to lower;
We rise, and all, the distant and the near,
Stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear.
We kneel, how weak; we rise, how full of power.
Why therefore should we do ourselves this wrong
Or others — that we are not always strong?
That we are ever overborne with care,
That we should ever weak or heartless be,
Anxious or troubled; when with us is prayer
And joy and strength and courage are with Thee!

Trench.

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