

I cannot understand why God, so wise,
Should take the light from out these clear bright eyes,
And leave me here to blindly grope my way,
While worthless men pass by me every day
Who never did a noble act perform,
Whose faces blanch before a thunderstorm ;
Who use their sight to work more mischief still,
And only live our crowded jails to fill.

Yet, while your generous gifts adorn my breast,
I'll try to think He doeth all things best,
And thinking thus, continue still to pray
That God may yet restore my sight some day,
That I may of our service take command
And raise it to the first place in the land ;
Placing at every dangerous point a boat,
With gallant crews to man them when afloat.

'Twas ever my ambition in this strife,
'Twixt wind and water to save human life,
And if perchance in this good work I drown,
I know that act will win for me a crown ;
For I believe God honors brave men more
Than all the trembling saints who line the shore,
And wring their hands in helpless agony,
When braver men put off their boats to sea.

Thanks, for the medals you have given me
For gallantry in saving life at sea.
Should Providence again restore my sight,
I hope once more to steer the Lifeboat right ;
And with my gallant comrades brave and true,
Rescue from drowning some poor shipwrecked crew,
Or plunge again beneath the foaming wave,
At duty's call, another life to save.

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