

**Thanksgiving.**

Thank God for Life !

E'en tho' it bring much bitterness and strife,  
And all our fairest hopes be wrecked and lost ;  
E'en tho' there be more ill than good in Life  
We cling to Life and reckon not the cost.

Thank God for Life.

Thank God for Love !

For tho' sometimes Grief follows in its wake,  
Still we forget Love's sorrow in Love's joy  
And cherish tears with smiles for Love's dear sake ;  
Only in Heaven is bliss without alloy.

Thank God for Love.

Thank God for Pain !

No tear hath ever yet been shed in pain,  
And in the end each sorrowing heart shall find  
No curse, but blessings in the hand of Pain ;  
Even when He smiteth, then is God most kind.

Thank God for Pain.

Thank God for Death !

Who toucheth anguished lips and stills their breath,  
And giveth Peace unto each troubled breast ;  
Grief flies before thy touch, O blessed Death !  
God's sweetest gift ; thy name in Heaven is Rest.

Thank God for Death.