



Forbid us Not.

“**F**ORBID them not,” He says and says so still
 To all who come with meek and lowly heart :
 Of heavenly wisdom these may drink their fill,
 Of heavenly love may learn the sweetest part.

“ Forbid them not ! ” Forbid us not, O Lord.
 Strip us of all that stains our souls, and we
 Shalstand as children do, without a word—
 Only our love to make a silent plea.

Make us like children—bathe us in the light
 That streams from out the Tabernacle door ;
 Like little children, teach us to do right,
 Teach us to sin against Thee nevermore.

Forbid us not ; we pray Thee, Saviour mild,
 To bless us, and in blessing, be our Guest ;
 That we—as once Thou heldst a little child—
 May lean our new-cleansed soul upon Thy breast.