

"Only that I might be with Him soon," she answered.

Not for suffering lessened, or life prolonged ; only to be with Him soon. "Perfect love casteth out fear." "Fear hath torment;" but, knowing that none can pluck us out of His hand, we can stay or go with equal joy, for once His, His forever.

"He is able also to save to the uttermost them who come unto God by Him."

When the time cometh that your eye-strings shall break, and your face wax pale, and legs and arms tremble, and your breath grow cold, and your poor soul looks out of your prison house of clay, to be set at liberty, then a good conscience, and your Lord's favour shall be worth all the world's glory. Seek it, grace be with you.

THE HUMAN HEART.

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked"—Jeremiah xvii. 9.

THE heart of man is like a barren field,
 And fruit to God was never known to yield,
 Its choicest flowers are but cultured weeds,
 While thorns and thistles are its native seeds :
 Nay, more than this, there lies beneath the
 soil,
 Far worse than what appears, however vile ;
 For there lies buried, to the heart innate,
 To God, and all His grace, a thorough hate.

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