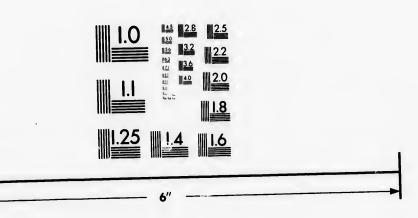


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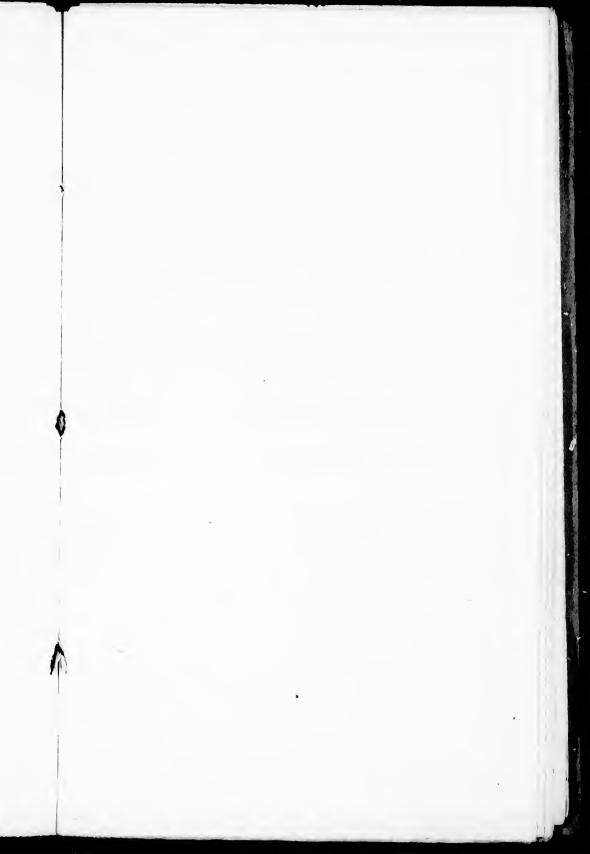
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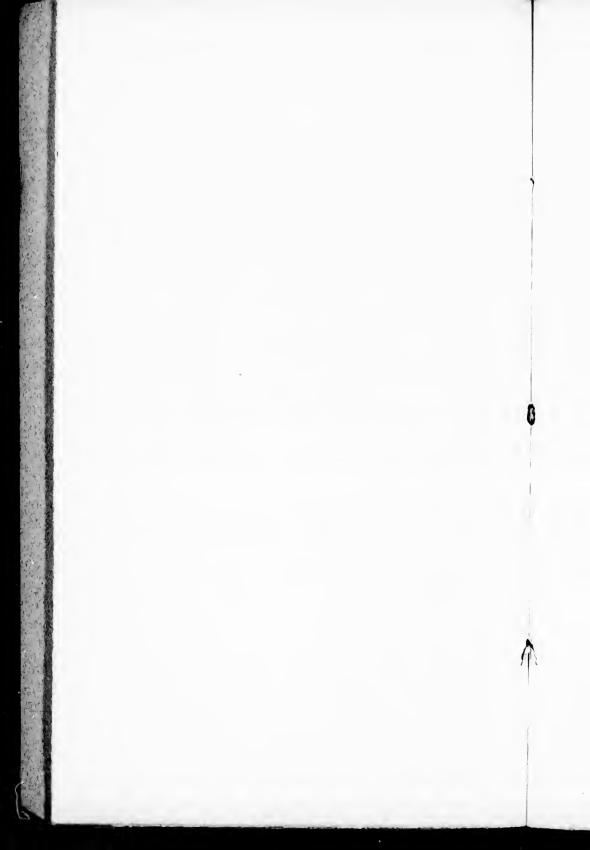
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Where God is known
All men are friends;
For Truth is sown
Where God is known,
Love reigns alone
And dolor ends—
Where God is known
All men are friends!



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HEARTSEASE HYMNS





THE GOOD PART

GENTLY hath a sweet voice spoken:
One thing needful must ye choose;
O ye weary and heart-broken,
Can ye still this call refuse?

Seeking good on earth, nor finding,
All your hope earth must defraud,
Things of sense forever blinding
Eyes whose light is seeing God.

Patient love, so wise and tender, Standing mother-like apart, Waits till love awakened send her Each far-wanderer from her heart.

And that love, the one thing needful,
Bringeth life and conquers death;
Oh, let hearts be still and heedful
Hearing what the sweet voice saith!
St. Sylvester.

GUIDING LIGHT



We walk the earth as pilgrims,
For here is not our rest,
Our home is that condition
Where peace hath made men blest,—
The kingdom of the Spirit
Where Life hath conquered sin,
Where Light dispels the evil,
And Love makes all men kin.

We have passed through the waters,
The floods of whelming fear,
And all our old task-masters
Pursued but came not near;
Though Marah's pools were bitter
The waters were made sweet,
And when we failed for hunger
From heaven bath fallen meat.

The desert may be pathless,
We have the cloud in sight;
The nights be drear and starless,
We have the guiding light;
The Christ-hope is unfailing,
Christ-love makes us aspire
To find with Him, in Spirit,
The land of our desire.

Webb.

REDEMPTION

O TRUE and tender Spirit let thy splendor Flood our dull hearts with life and light of God;

Thro' all temptation be our strong defender,
That we may walk the path our Master
trod.

Teach us the glory of that old, old story, How Jesus served who might have been a king;

Show us the horror of old battles gory

Till we know hate in heart like ill can bring.

In our condition cleanse away ambition

Till we find gladness in the quiet mind;

May we, Thy children, learn our heavenly mission,

Not to condemn but to redeem mankind.

THE ETERNAL



TRUST the Eternal when the shadows gather,
When joys of daylight seem so like a
dream;

God the unchanging pities like a father, Trust on and wait, the daystar yet will gleam.

Trust the Eternal for the clouds that vanish

No more can move the mountains from
their base,

Than sin's illusive wreaths of mist can banish Light from His throne or loving from His face.

Trust the Eternal, Oh repent in meekness
Of that heart's pride which frowns and will
not yield,

Then to thy child-heart shall come strength in weakness,

And thine immortal life shall be revealed.

JERUSALEM



Descending from above,

With glory of fair colors

In radiancy of Love!

Thy bulwarks are of jasper

Sapphire and emerald bright,

The amethyst and topaz,

The beryl and chrysolite.

Thy gates that open Northward
The pole star have in view,
Clear light of revelation
That ages have found true;
The star that shines to Eastward
Shone at the birth of Christ,
So mighty, yet so lowly
When wise men kept their tryst.

Southward beyond thy portals
Shines high the holy rood,
Symbol of earth's redemption
Through Christ-love's brotherhood;
Westward Love's golden glory
Makes each last shadow flee,
And harmony makes peaceful
The golden shining sea.

O blessed home of Spirit
That Truth hath built "four-square,"
We long to pass thy portals
And see thy colors fair;
We praise the light of Science,
We bless the Mother-love,
That we behold thy glory
Descending from above!

Ewing.

THE INFINITE



The glory of the arching sky,
So infinite to sight,
By this brings resting to mine eye
And still delight.

The wideness of the swaying sea,
That sense finds limitless,
A great contentment brings to me
And soothes distress.

The endless motion of the wind,
The song that cannot cease,
But makes a quiet in the mind
And whispers, Peace.

And thus my spirit knowing Love
To peace and rest is brought,
So infinite is God above
My highest thought.

And after joys that have an end
There is no will to roam,
For everywhere is God, the Friend,
And Love is home.

Eddy; St. Cuthbert.

TRUTH.

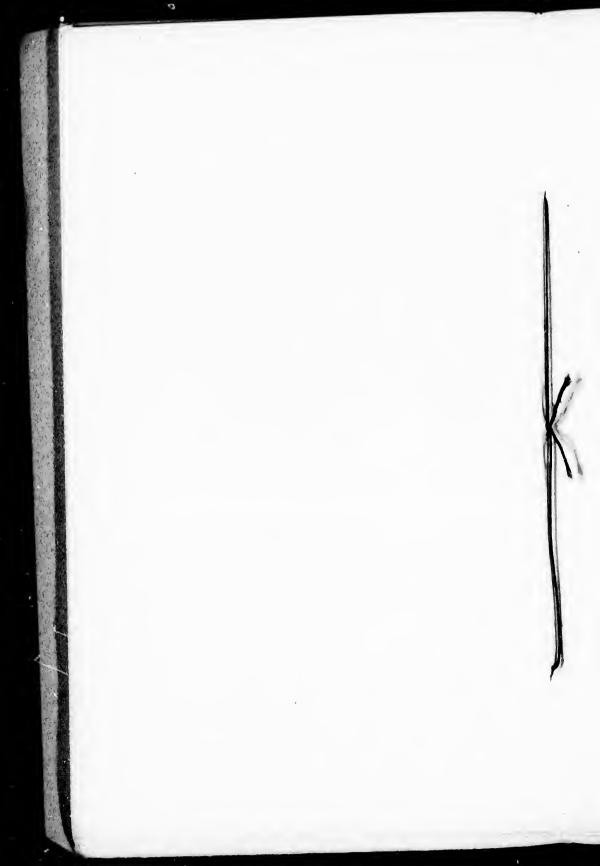


THERE are none friendless, none afraid
The saving Truth who know,
Their shining path leads from the shade,
And up to light they go.

It setteth free from thought of sin,
It healeth error's blight,
Immortal joy is found therein,
And there shall be no night.

Oh, may we all be children true
Of Love, and Love alone;
And so in faith make all things new,
By making Love's truth known!
St. Agnes.

SONGS OF TRUE LOVING





HEART OF GOLD

Love like a flower unfoldeth,
Tear not the leaves apart
Long though the white cup holdeth
Secret its golden heart.

Patience and faith withholden
Darken the garden-place,
Longer the warm heart golden
Hides from thine eager face.

Loving the white flower purely,
Glowing when days are cold,
Sunshine will bring to thee surely
Wealth from its heart of gold.

EVANGEL



UNTO Shepherds lowly
Came the anthem from the skies;
Thoughts from heaven holy
Dawned upon their dreaming eyes.

"Glory! Glory! Glory!
Unto Love enthroned!" they cry;
Light illumes the story
Trembling through the wondering sky.

"Peace shall bless goodwilling
Everywhere mong men on earth!"
Came the evangel thrilling
At the glad news of the Birth.

So the shining glory

Makes in every heart Love's morn

Hearing Love's old story:

Unto you the Christ is born,—

This day comes a Saviour!
Wise men mark the star appear;—
Wise through meek behaviour,
Whoso wills may see and hear!

"DAS LIEBE JESULEIN"

LUTHER'S TERM

So gentle and pure-hearted was the mother
The babe drew life
From love more sacred than hath been another

In maid or wife.

And so he grew in sturdy limb and beauty,

As grows the flower;

To greet love's sunshine was his childhood's duty,

To love, his power.

Behold him silent, after play and laughter,
While dreamy eyes
Seem fixed on visions of the far hereafter,
And thoughts arise.

Yet, if she bid him to some errand lowly, Prompt will he speed;

The glad obedience makes the service holy, Though small the deed.

And so the grace of God doth brood upon him,

As broods the dove;

For that by which the Almighty One hath drawn him

Is mother-love!

PROPHECY

From east and west, from north and south,.
Together men shall throng,
And praises sound from every mouth,
For Love shall give them song.

Before His face shall go the light,
And men, with opened eyes,
Shall see the knowledge hid from sight
As love shall make them wise.

The perfect bond shall be inwrought
With all their hearts, till sin
Shall vanish, as the hostile thought
Is gone when men are kin.

Then all the holy and the just
That ever earth has known,
Shall see the triumph of their trust
When Love ascends the throne.

A TRUE MAN'S LOVE



I.

"My faith is placed in thee," he said,
"I trust, till earth and heaver pass;"
And faith looked back, as from a glass
The flash of mirrored eyes is sped.

"I shall be led by her," he said,
"So life become through her complete;"
Long years he toiled with weary feet,
For she by devious pathways led.

"Love is a fancy, then," he said,
"Like marsh fire gleams a maid's caprice;
Shall I trust one who slayeth peace?
Nay, let love bury its own dead!"

II.

- "She must have faith in me," he said,
 And so he turned, as to the sun,
 To Him whose love warms every one;
 And from that light the shadows fled.
- "Now let her follow me," he said,
 "For Truth is made my guiding-star;"
 Then steadfastly he journeyed far,
 And lo, she followed where he led.
- "Love that God is, makes light," he said,
 "And Truth is manhood's noble quest;"
 She came in peace, home to his breast,
 A Woman, quickened from the dead.

WOMAN'S TRUE LOVE

Sweet woman unto God so nigh
That he unworthy is to kiss thy feet,
And yet for love doth wear himself and
sigh—

Be patient with thy man, O woman sweet!

A child is he, like one laid nigh her heart

That seeks the warm breast of the mother
mild;

A mother to the love he knows thou art, Be patient with his love, he is a child!

His love is feeble—but he hath not grown,
Thy wondrous love he yet will tower above,
And thou look up to love thou hast not
known,

Be patient then, though feeble is his love!

Sweet woman who hast brought to birth
This man's love holy, yet so incomplete,
In this way must the Christ-love come to
earth,—

Be patient with thy man, O woman sweet!

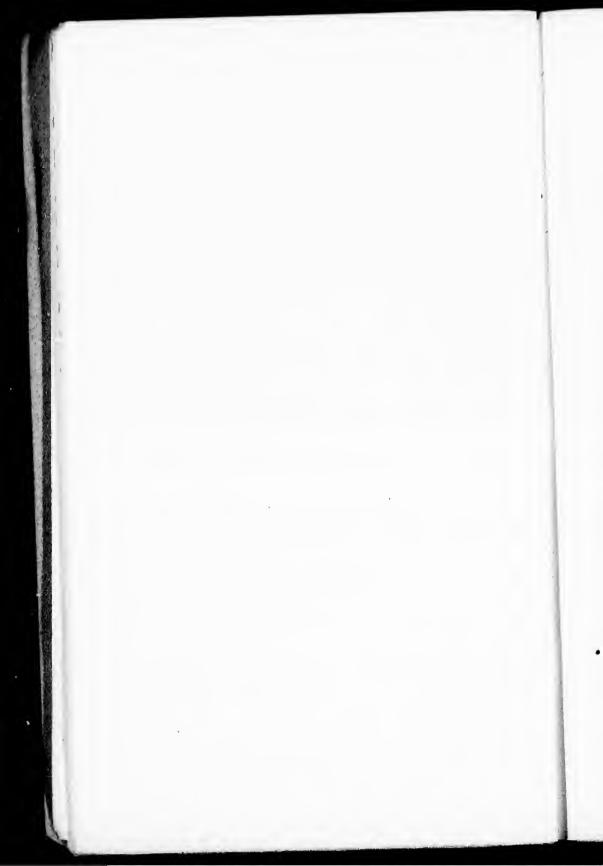
JUBILEE



The year of release hath come at last,
The year of Jubilee,
And error into its hell is cast
That the children may go free,—
The children of men who are sons of God
When love is the truth they see.

And over the roofs and the city walls
The gladness of music swells,
The silvern voice of Harmony calls
And the triumph of Love forthtells;
The joy of the Lord is sung for men
In the jubilee of the bells.

THOUGHTS OF A MAN





PATHFINDER

They troop along with mirth and song,
By the way I planned,—
How knows the crowd what dangers throng
On either hand?

And yet for them, by the steep crag's hem, I sought the path;

Ere the ford was found there were floods to stem,

Floods wild with wrath.

They circle round the quagmire's bound, No ills to meet;

My steed was gulfed ere a course was found, Firm for their feet.

They came not first through the land of thirst,

So each one sings;

I sought o'er leagues of a land accursed For the water-springs.

PRODIGAL



I've wandered in that country
Where men become like swine,
To them have I been servant
With anxious face for sign;
The meat wherewith they revelled
Was but as husks to me,
And when I was anhungered,
Father, I thought of thee.

I heard men call Thee jealous,
With anger that would burn,
So I repenting, faltered,
Long fearing to return;
I could not trust Thy loving,
Methought to serve for hire,
But Thou hast given welcome
Beyond my heart's desire.

Thou has received me, Father,
All wearied with my sin,
Nor caused that One should suffer
Ere I could enter in;
I left in that far country
The thoughts that made me part
From Thee my Life and Saviour,
And now, I know Thy heart.

SAMARITAN

I WANDERED out from the City of Peace By the Jericho road;

Easy and smooth was the downward path 'Mong the barley sheaves;

I thought mayhap I should gain release From Duty's goad,

But my fleeing day was a day of wrath,—
I fell among thieves.

They seized my robe, rich-woven, rare, Of Tyrian red,—

Stripped off my seamless vest of white, My golden chain;

One snatched the caftan that bound my hair;
Though a sword-cut bled

He smote me again for his own delight, Till I swooned for pain.

'Twas thus when I lay that Pride passed by On the other side,

Robed like a priest, and with muttered prayers

To the priest-made God;

Then Pity passed, but first came nigh, And gazing sighed,

But needs must haste to his other cares So leaned on his rod.

I stirred when disengaged lowly Love Compassioned me;

The wine he brought was love, the oil Was gentleness;

My eyes found light from his face above For he kneeled to see,

And bound my wounds in eager toil, With his own torn dress.

I rode his ass till we reached the inn,—
I was his guest

Who once had scorned to name the name Samaritan!

The Priest and Levite were mine own kin, But the alien blessed;

My need of love was the only claim,—
I love the man!

A DAMASCUS GARDEN

WHAT though I toil 'mong wranglers of the mart,

A key doth let me where no strife is found,—

The roses breathe a welcome 'mid the sound

Of waters tinkling where the lote-blooms part And through the sheltering vines the sun-raysdart;

There I from life's hypocrisies unbound Hear truthful Love's glad greeting, and amcrowned

With roses in this garden of the heart.

Then forth a Prince I wander in disguise;
I hide the purple and the jewelled star
Again with gray rough garments, feel the
jar

Of miser-quarrels, yet my shining eyes
And royal mien almost the truth betray,
'Mong slaves a king walks on the common
way.

IF LOVE REMAIN

THERE would be no blue sky, if I were blind,

No dun and white clouds rolled before the wind;

The sunlight would be spent on wide green places

Where violets would breathe their greetings kind—

I should not see their brave and heartsome faces,

A handbreadth world without me I should find,

If I were blind.

There would be no birdsong did I not hear, Though nesting-time and love are new each year;

The wind would sing among the greening branches,

Or shriek with fury as the storm-clouds near Whence demon-light his quivering arrow launches,

But I should have no gladness and no fear, Did I not hear. And yet no world were lost if love remain; in thee my friend, I should have ease from pain,

Thy brilling touch would build the starry

Of love's true heaven—then the sun might wane,

Earth all be desert like the lands he parches; The loss of all things would be endless gain, If love remain!

CHILDLIKE



"As a little child"— I say the words,
And they seem to give me rest;
As a little child would I become,
And lie on the Mother's breast,—
For God is the Infinite Mother
Who hath borne and carried us all,
Who broods above
With a tender love
Aware of our faintest call.

But I unconscious of that great love,

Have been content in a dream,

Or fretted myself by day and night

In gaining the things that seem;

I pray that truth may quicken

The love that is undefiled,

Till freed from art

And quiet in heart

I become "as a little child."

THE PRESENT

THE doors of my future and past
Have irremovable bars;
I fought as they prisoned me fast,
These doors of my future and past,
But in the still Present, at last,
I am calm beholding the stars;
Though doors of my future and past
Have irremovable bars.

The future and past are man's,

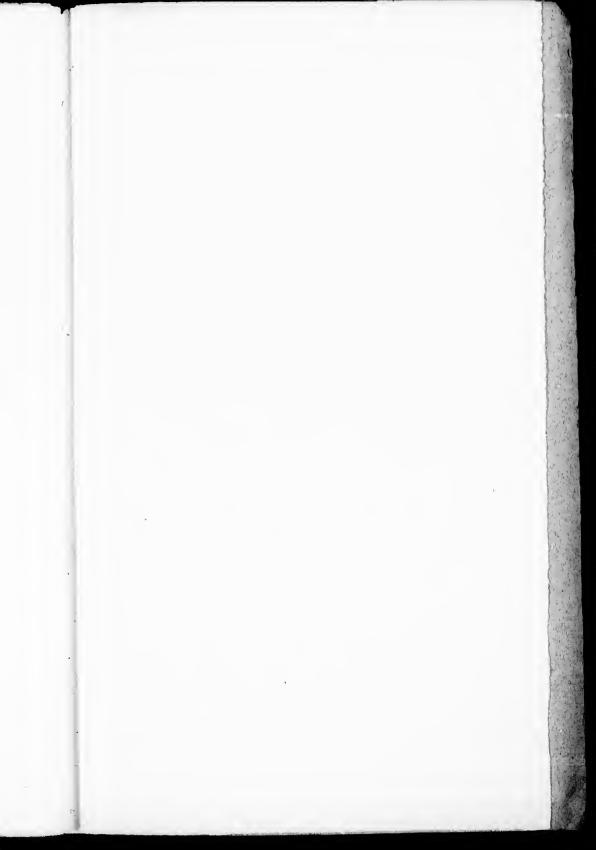
The Present belongeth to God;

Man visions, and fears for his plans,
(The future and past are man's)

Regrets, and his failure bans,

Till Peace is a path untrod;
The future and past are man's,

The Present belongeth to God,





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