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Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before Thee and that hear Thy wisdom

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## COMING TO THE KING

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### COMING TO THE KING.

I came from very far to see  
The King of Salem, for I had been told  
Of glory and of wisdom manyfold,  
And condescension infinite and free.  
Now could I rest, when I had heard his fame,  
In that dark lonely land of death, from whence I came?

I came (but not like Sheba's queen), alone!  
No stately train, no costly gifts to bring;  
No friend at court, save One the King!  
I had requests to spread before His throne,  
And I had questions none could solve for me,  
Of import deep, and full of mystery.



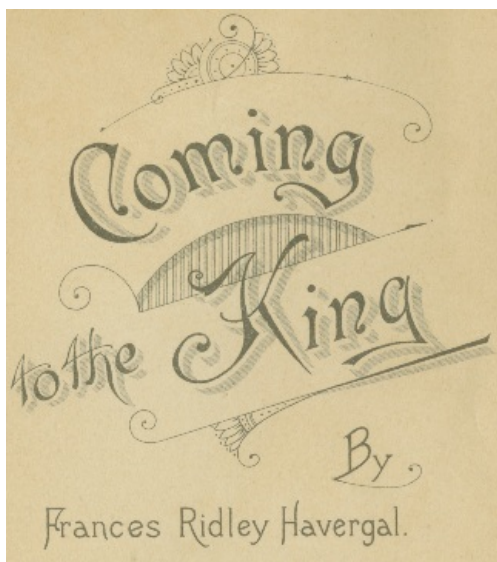
I came and communed with that mighty King  
And told Him all my heart, I cannot say  
In mortal ear what communings were they  
But wouldst thou know,  
So too, and meekly bring  
All that is in thine heart and thou shalt hear  
His voice of love and power  
His answers sweet and clear

O happy end of every weary guest!  
He told me all I needed graciously:--  
Enough for guidance, and for victory  
O'er doubts and fears enough for quiet rest,  
And when some veiled response  
I could not read  
It was not hid from Him, this was enough indeed



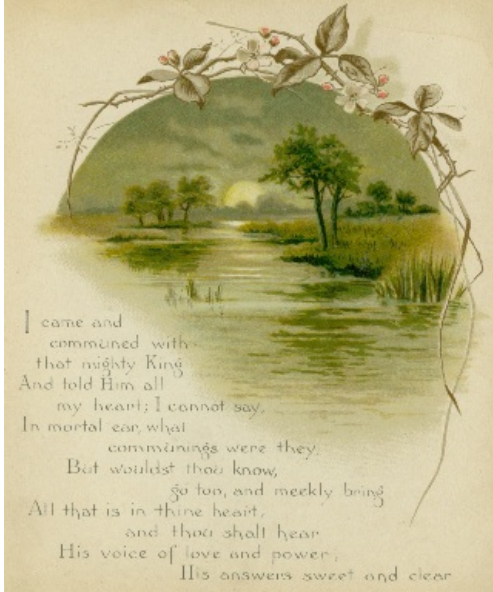
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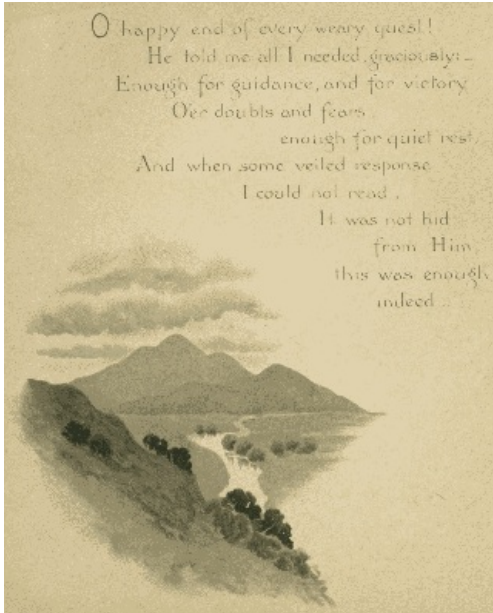
His wisdom and His glories passed before

My wondering eyes in gradual revelation  
 The house that He had built its strong foundation  
 Its living stones and, brightening more and more  
 For glimpses of that palace far away,  
 Where all his loyal ones  
 Shall dwell with Him for aye.



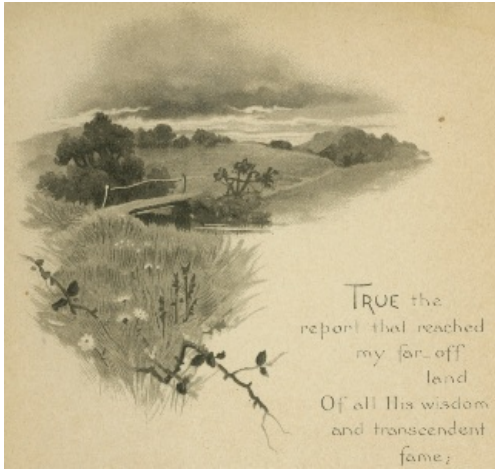
True the report that reached my far-off land  
 Of all His wisdom and transcendent fame,  
 Yet I believed not until I came  
 Bowed to the dust till raised by royal hand  
 The half was never told by mortal word,  
 My King exceeded all the fame that I had heard

Oh happy are His servants! happy they  
 Who stand continually before His face,  
 Ready to do His will of wisest grace!  
 My King! is mine such blessedness to-day?  
 For I too hear Thy wisdom line by line,  
 Thy ever brightening words in holy radiance shine





Oh, blessed be the Lord thy God who sat  
Our King upon His throne  
Divine delight  
In the Beloved crowning Thee with might  
Honour and majesty supreme and yet  
The strange and Godlike secret opening thus--  
The Kingship of His Christ ordained through love to us!



What shall I render to my glorious King?  
I have but that which I receive from Thee  
And what I give, Thou givest back to me,  
Transmuted by Thy touch, each worthless thing  
Changed to the preciousness of gem or gold,  
And by thy blessing multiplied a thousand fold



All my desire Thou grantest whatsoever I ask!  
Was ever mythic tale or dream so bold as this reality,  
This stream of boundless blessings flowing full and free?  
Yet more than I have thought or asked of Thee  
Out of Thy royal bounty still Thou givest me.

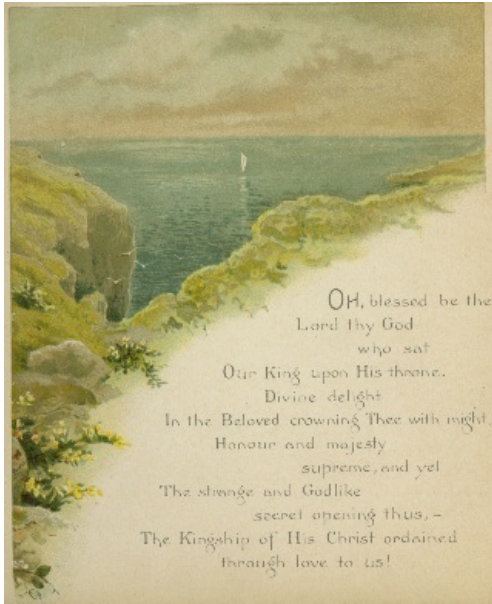
Now--I will turn to my own land and tell,  
What I myself have seen and heard of Thee,  
And give Thine own sweet message, "Come and see"  
And yet in heart and mind for ever dwell  
With Thee, my King of Peace, in loyal rest,  
Within the fair pavilion of Thy presence blest.

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**OUR KING**

O Saviour, precious Saviour,  
 Whom yet unseen we love,  
 O Name of might and favour,  
 All other names above!  
 We worship Thee, we bless Thee  
 To Thee alone we sing  
 We praise Thee, and confess Thee  
 Our holy Lord and King

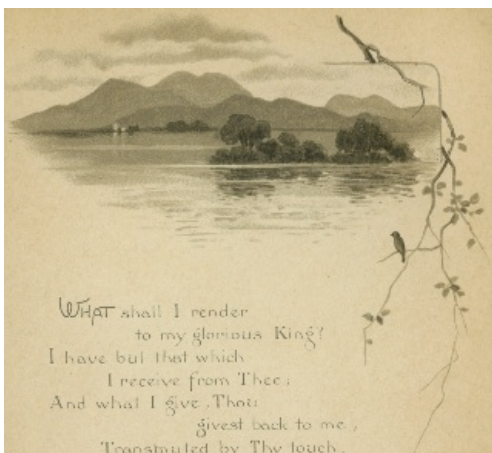
In Thee all fulness dwelleth,  
 All grace and power divine,  
 The glory that excelleth,  
 O Son of God, is Thine!  
 We worship Thee, we bless Thee  
 To Thee alone we sing,  
 We praise Thee and confess Thee,  
 Our glorious Lord and King



## LED IN PEACE.

*"Ye shall go out with joy and  
 be led forth with peace."  
 Is. IV. 12.*

With joy thou shalt be girded,  
 With peace thou shalt be led;  
 And everlasting glory shall rest upon thy head;  
 The hills break forth in singing;  
 the shadows flee away:  
 This is thy King and Saviour--  
 He will not say thee "Nay!"



## HIS PRESENCE

Oh Saviour if Thy presence here  
 Can such bright joy impart

What must it be in that sweet home  
Where Thou its glory art  
Here through faith's vision small and fine  
One glimpse of Thy dear face  
Kindles a glow in lonely hearts,  
No cloud can e'er efface.

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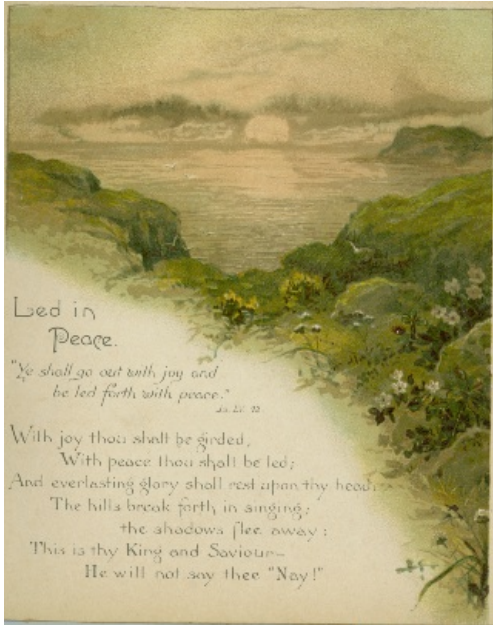


## SPRINGS OF PEACE

Springs of peace, when conflict heightens  
Thine uplifted eye shall see,

Peace that strengthens calms, and brightens,  
Peace itself a victory.

Springs of comfort strangely springing  
Through the bitter wells of woe,  
Founts of hidden gladness, bringing  
Joy that earth can ne'er bestow



## THE WELCOME TO THE KING

Midst the darkness, storm, and sorrow  
One bright gleam I see,  
Well I know the blessed morrow  
Christ will come for me

Midst the light and peace and glory  
Of the Fathers home,  
Christ for me is watching, waiting--  
Waiting till I come

Long the blessed Guide has led me  
By the desert road;  
Now I see the golden towers--  
City of my God.

There amidst the love and glory,  
He is waiting yet;  
On His hands a name is graven,  
He can ne'er forget.

There amidst the songs of heaven--  
Sweeter to His ear  
Is the footfall through the desert,  
Ever drawing near.

There, made ready are the mansions,  
Glorious, bright and fair;  
But the Bride the Father gave Him  
Still is wanting there.

Who is this who comes to meet me  
On the desert way,  
As the Morning Star foretelling  
God's unclouded day?

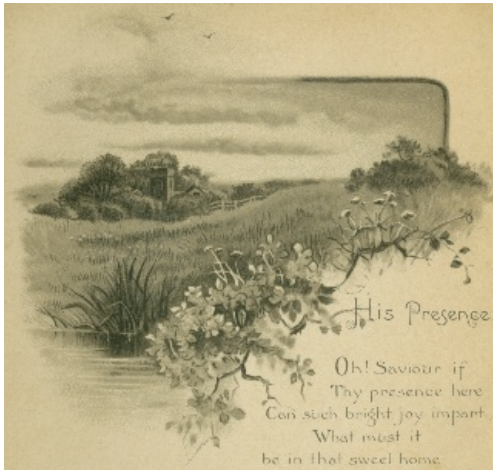
He it is who came to win me,  
On the cross of shame  
In His glory well I know Him,  
Evermore the same

Oh! the blessed joy of meeting,  
All the desert past!  
Oh! the wondrous words of greeting  
He shall speak at last!

He and I together entering  
Those bright courts above,  
He and I together sharing  
All the Fathers love.

Where no shade nor stain can enter  
Nor the gold be dim,  
In that holiness unsullied  
I shall walk with Him

Meet companion then for Jesus,  
From Him, for Him made,  
Glory of Gods grace for ever  
There in me displayed



He who in His hour of sorrow  
Bore the curse alone,  
I who through the lonely desert  
Trod where He had gone

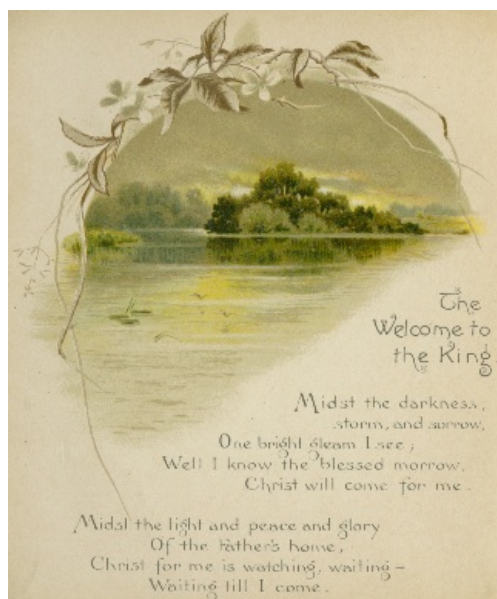
He and I in that bright glory  
One deep joy shall share  
Mine to be for ever with Him  
His that I am there

## **THE KING OF LOVE.**

The King of Love my Shepherd is

Whose goodness faileth never,  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And He is mine for ever.

Where streams of living waters flow,  
My ransomed soul He leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow  
With food celestial feedeth



## **GOD IS LOVE AND GOD IS LIGHT**

God is Love, His mercy brightens  
All the path in which we rove,  
Bliss He forms, and woe He lightens,  
God is Light and God is Love

Chance and change are busy ever,  
Worlds decay and ages move,  
But His mercy waneth never  
God is Light and God is Love.

## **THINE EYES SHALL SEE THE KING**

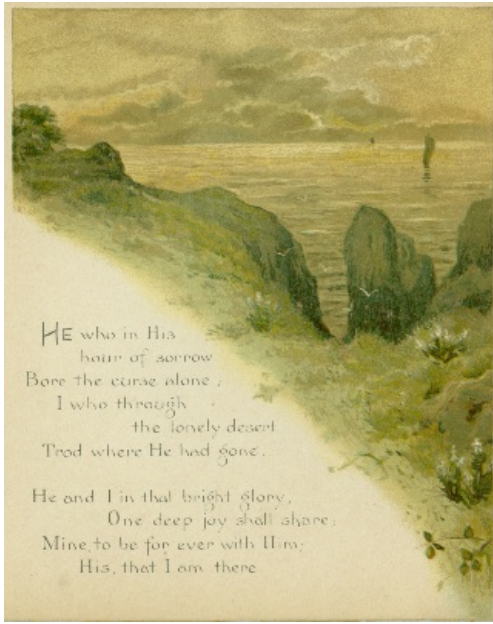
Thine eyes shall see! Yes, thine, who, blind erewhile,  
Now trembling towards the new-found light dost flee,  
Leave doubting, and look up with trustful smile.  
Thine eyes shall see!

Thine eyes shall see the King! The very same  
Whose love shone forth upon the curseful tree,



Who bore thy guilt, who calleth thee by name  
Thine eyes shall see!

Thine eyes shall see the King, the Mighty One,  
The many crowned, the light-enrobed, and He  
Shall bid thee share the kingdom He hath won  
Thine eyes shall see!



## I AM THINE.

Jesus Master!  
I am Thine,  
Keep me faithful keep me near,  
Let Thy presence in me shine  
All my homeward way to cheer,  
Jesus! at Thy feet I fall,  
Oh, be Thou my all in all



## IS IT FOR ME?

Is it for me, dear  
Saviour Thy Glory and Thy rest?  
For me, so weak and sinful oh, shall  
I thus be blessed?  
Is it for me to see Thee in all Thy glorious grace  
And gaze in endless rapture on Thy beloved face?

Behold Thee in Thy beauty, behold Thee face to face,  
Behold Thee in Thy glory and reap Thy smile of grace  
And be with Thee for ever, and never grieve Thee more!  
Dear Saviour I must praise Thee and lovingly adore.



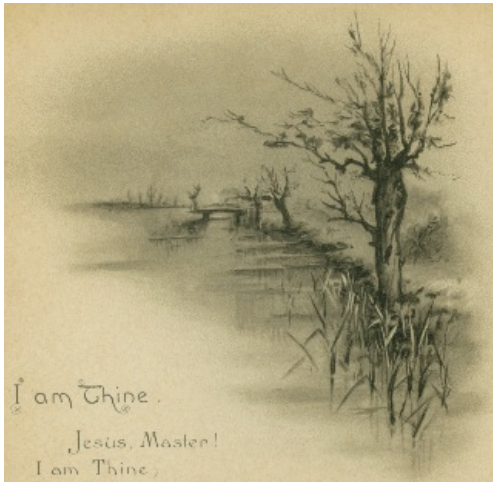
## GOING TO CHRIST

I go to Christ my Saviour  
With every little need  
The help He always gives me  
Is wonderful indeed

I go when I am mourning  
The loss of loved ones near  
He speaketh words of comfort sweet,  
He doth my spirit cheer

I go when I am fearing  
The cruse of oil will fail  
He sendeth me the needful means  
And thus doth prayer prevent

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## MY KING AND MASTER.

Christ my King, my Master, let my whole life be,  
Spent in blessed service only until Thee  
Let me serve Thee gladly, That the world may know  
'Tis a happy privilege, Thee to serve below.

Let me serve Thee humbly,  
Thine be all the praise,  
'Tis Thy love alone which tunes my feeble lays;  
Let me serve Thee quickly--Time will soon be o'er  
I would fain lead many to heaven's peaceful shore.

Let me serve Thee ever, from morning until eve,  
My earliest and my latest breath, my King, Thou shall receive.  
And oh when service here is spent, and Heaven is won  
Grant that I too, dear Master, may hear Thy sweet "Well done!"

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## UNDER HIS SHADOW

"Under His shadow," with Christ alone  
Here, love He whispers in tenderest tone,  
Treasures unfolding, riches of grace  
Thus for life's battle my soul doth He brace.

"Under His shadow," a near page of life.  
Opens before me, apart from the strife  
Oh! will Thou show me Master and King  
How I may glory unto Thee bring!

"Under His shadow" may life be passed  
Daily and hourly on till the last,  
Then no more shadows, all shall have fled  
When we awake like Jesus our Head.

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I sat down under His shadow with great delight.

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