

To the Wounded Mary

God will bless in life in death  
The noble soul the gentle heart.

Though kin seem cold and friends undied  
Let no sad throbs invade thy breast.  
Thy crystal soul and gentle mind  
Should yield thy heart perpetual rest.

Be like the ocean sweetest love  
Though winds disturb its outward flow  
And stormy billows fret above,  
Eternal stillness reigns below.

He would not have the heart unmoved  
When words are given to cause the pain  
Yet with a soul never self-proved  
Let peace within its depths remain.

Of words of wrong and tongues of scorn  
Nought see us held by tyrannic sway  
He would not deem his fate forlorn  
And dread to meet each coming day.

But friends unnumbered know thy worth  
And hearts that love thee feel thy truth  
Let sunshine give thy path on earth  
And cheerfull moments mark thy youth.

And thou wilt learn when fades thy breath  
And heart from mourning loved ones start  
That God can bless in life in death  
The noble soul the gentle heart.

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What is Love

Love is the passion which endureth  
Which neither time nor absence cureth  
Which naught of earthly change can sever  
Love is the light which shines for ever.

What cold and selfish heart deem madness  
Lives in its depths of joy and sadness  
In hearts on fire of flame it burneth  
One is its world the one it burneth.

No chain of gold what hand can break it  
No deathless hold what force can shake it  
None passion aught of earth may sever  
But souls that love love on forever.

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Couldst thou but know how fondly  
This passion beats for thee  
And how my soul still treasures  
The words once breathed to me  
Thou wouldst not deem me heartless  
Or call me cold and changed  
Alas! Thou'st sadly wronged me  
Thou who art exchanged.

My heart is still thine only  
It may have wavered not  
And still I deem the best thing thee  
A dear and heart-felt spot  
No think I see thy dark bright eye  
Beam as in days of yore  
Alas its light of love is quenched  
And shines for me no more.

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