THE PROVIDENCE OF LOVE



- 2. The forests lift their heads on high, obedient to his call; without his knowledge, and his will, a sparrow cannot fall.
- 3. There's nought on earth so small or mean to his all-seeing eye, but hath its purpose, and its use, whether it live or die.
- 4. The very leaves, that Autumn sheds, nourish the hidden root, in Springtime to arise again, in foliage, flowers, and fruit.
- 5. There is no needless loss or waste in all his wondrous plan, one lesson, amid many more, God ever teaches man.
- 6. So, when five thousand once were fed, at but one blessing's cost, th' Almighty was all-careful too, that nothing should be lost.

- 7. 'Twelve basket full of fragments,' left the miracle to prove, were gathered up, to teach mankind the Providence of love.
- 8. So thou, my soul! with careful step follow thy leading Lord, the broken fragments 'gather up' of every deed and word.
- 9. From the Great Master's table dropped, one crumb may comfort be, where thousands have been fed before, something is left for thee.
- 10. Use all committed to thy care, with liberal hand and heart; but waste not thro' improvidence, the very smallest part.
- 11. Thy time, thy talents, health, and wealth, were all by Heaven bestowed,to be made useful here for man,then reckoned for with God.

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