THERE IS A FAMILY ON EARTH



- 2. Whene'er they meet the public eye, they feel the public scorn; for men their fairest claims deny, and count them basely born.
- 3. But 'tis the King who reigns above, that claims them for his own; the favoured objects of his love, and destined to a throne.
- 4. The honours that belong to them, by men are set at nought; whatever shines not they contemn, unworthy of a thought!
- 5. But ah! how little they reflect!For mark th' unerring word,"That which with men has most respect, is odious to the Lord."
- 6. Were honours, evident to sense, their portion here below, the world would do them reverence, and all their claims allow.
- 7. But when the King himself was here, his claims were set at nought: would they another lot prefer? Rejected be the thought!
- 8. No! they will tread, while here below, the path their Master trod; content all honour to forego, but that which comes from God.
- 9. And when the King again appears, he'll vindicate their claim; eternal honour shall be theirs, their foes be filled with shame.

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