HELP IN HINDRANCES



- 2. Still she prayed, and drew the nearer, sorrow made her spirit bold, for she felt her Lord would hear her, tho' all other hearts were cold.
- 9. He, who seemed so dull to hear her, answered not thro' very love, stood aloof, to draw her nearer, moved not, that her soul might move.

- 3. Yes! he hears her, but the token that her voice had reached his ear, when that silence sad is broken, fails the drooping heart to cheer:
- 10. All that shade, and seeming coldness, hanging o'er his gentle face, he assumed to stir her 'boldness' coming to the 'throne of grace'.

4. 'She is but a Gentile stranger, Israel's fold his chiefest care:' surely this repulse will change her earnest pleading to despair.

- 11. Now with tenderness inclining he doth turn to soothe her pain, she like 'tender grass' is 'shining' in his sunshine 'after rain'.
- 5. Still she prayed, and still she pleaded, tho' all hope seemed well-nigh past;'but the bread the children needed cannot to the dogs be cast.'
- 12. Thus, my soul, in all thy pleadings let thy faith unwearied be, what at first seem lets are leadings sent to help, not hinder thee.

- 6. Oh how cold the outward seeming of such answer to her cry!Was she waking? was she dreaming? could this be the Lord's reply?
- 13. Trust the promises, which never fail to answer earnest prayer: clouds may rise, but Love is ever shining bright behind them there.

- 7. Yet how gently is she able still to plead, in spite of all?'Truth! the crumbs from off the table even to the dogs may fall.'
- 14. And thro' all this Lenten season watch and wait, and trust and pray, sure there is some blessed reason, if Love linger on the way.

- 8. It is done! the cloud hath melted, yon dark cloud so cold before; sunshine bathes her, she hath felt it pass into her spirit's core:
- 15. They, who can with crumbs content them, thankful on the least to live, soon shall have all blessing sent them which the Lord of Live can give.

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