



- 2. Lord, if he sleep he shall do well!
 We will not grudge his earlier gain;
 could he now speak, would he not tell
 of joy begun, of ended pain?
- 3. Lord, if he sleep he shall do well!
 We would not break his longed-for sleep,
 nor ask him back with us to dwell,
 with us to suffer and to weep.
- 4. Lord, if he sleep he shall do well! The resurrection morn is nigh; awake, ye in the dust who dwell, awake, ascend with song on high.
- 5. How sweet to shut out time and sense, visions, and vanities, and dreams; earth's glare so withering and intense, toil's hourly burdens, pleasure's gleams.
- 6. In death to leave all death behind, from sickness and from pain to fly, and in the dreaded grave to find the gate to immortality.
- 7. To leave behind the fear, the doubt, the care, the fret, the restlessness, that poisoned life, and to shut out alike the failure and success.
- 8. We cannot trust these eyes and ears, sweet though it is to hear and see; they are the messengers of fears, the gates of ill and vanity.

- 9. We cannot trust these ears and eyes, the daily inlets they of sin; how sweet to shut out earthly lies, and be with heavenly truth shut in!
- 10. These eyes and ears we cannot trust, they work us hourly woe within; how sweet to close them in the dust, and be with God alone shut in!
- 11. These gates how gladly should we close against the ills that through them roll, the crafty and mysterious foes, that through the body rob the soul.
- 12. The tomb is dark, we need no eyes; it speaks not, and we need no ears; the veil descends and cannot rise; farewell our struggles and our tears!
- 13. Lord, if he sleep he shall do well! In sleep like this he taketh rest; he lieth down corruptible, he riseth in thine image blessed.
- 14. For he who sleeps in thee sleeps well, all earth shut out, all heaven shut in; though damp the couch and dark the cell, they dwell in light who sleep within.

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