## RETIREMENT



- 2. The calm retreat, the silent shade, with prayer and praise agree; and seem by thy sweet bounty made for those who follow thee.
- 3. There, if thy Spirit touch the soul, and grace her mean abode, oh, with what peace, and joy, and love, she communes with her God!
- 4. There like the nightingale she pours her solitary lays; nor asks a witness of her song, nor thirsts for human praise.
- 5. Author and guardian of my life, sweet source of light divine, and (all harmonious names in one) my Saviour, thou art mine!
- 6. What thanks I owe thee, and what love, a boundless, endless store, shall echo through the realms above when time shall be no more.

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