LOVE NOT THE WORLD



- 2. The face of timeis never in one stay;the beauty of this fascinating worldendureth but a day.
- 3. Of things below the best is but a lie; the blossoms of the spring and childhood's buds must fade, and fall, and die.
- 4. The beautiful, all bright, and fresh, and gay, may pass, like sun-gleam through a broken cloud, across thy untried way.
- 5. Be not deceived!
 Through all this earthly air
 a hellish poison pours its deadliness:
 the plague of sin is there.
- 6. And who shall heal or disinfect this air?Who disenchant it of the pleasant spell, or break the unseen snare?
- 7. Be not deceived!
 Into each human vein
 sin penetrates, and we with opiates seek
 to soothe the subtle pain.
- 8. It dims the eye, it dulls the inner ear; it dazzles, and it darkens, and it blinds, it worketh awe and fear.
- 9. It worketh wrath, and woe, and want, and doom; it leads us darkly to the second death, the everlasting tomb.

- 10. Love not the world,its dreams, its songs, its lies!They who have followed in its train are not the true, and good, and wise.
- 11. The wise and good,they chose the better part;to the true world that is to come, thy gave the true and single heart.
- 12. Love not the world!

 He in whose heart the love of vanity has found a place, shuts out th' enduring world above.
- 13. Love not the world,however fair it seem!Who loveth this fond world, the love of God abideth not in him.
- 14 That heart of thine for God, thy God, was made: who loves this God of love, he only lives; who loveth not, is dead.
- 15. Though this wide earth, with all its love and gold, were his, yet still he liveth not whose heart to God is sealed and cold.
- 16. Seek not the world!'Tis a vain show at best;bow not before its idol-shrine; in God find thou thy joy and rest.

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