## THE SONG OF LIFE



- Sweet song of life! breathe out again thy low, long, lingering refrain, and bind us in thy blessed chain.
- 3. Be it a song of sympathies, knitting together good and wise, as wave o'er wave its ripples rise.
- 4. A varied, ever-winding song, to which all cadences belong, plaintive or glad, serene or strong;

- 5. the relics of an ancient lay, the sunshine of an August day, the grandeur of great minstrelsy.
- 6. Be it a song the soul to fill, its tumults to control or still, to nerve the ever-trembling will.
- 7. Song of the everlasting age!
  Our children's children's heritage;
  song of the mighty pilgrimage!
- 8. Song of the future and the past, of love that shall for ever last, o'er us thy spell celestial cast.
- 9. Oh! die not down, but sweetly rise above the jar of broken sighs, above earth's din of angry cries.
- 10. Come up and fill the happy air, chime in with all the good and fair, oh! chime away all sin and care.
- 11. Awake! as once in Eden's bloom, when Paradise contained no tomb, thy healing melody resume.
- 12. Pervade this being with thy strain, charm from our limbs this binding chain, let all the soul be song again.
- 13. Dear song of life! pass not away; fair music of eternal day, for ever, ever with us stay!
- 14. Filled with thy solemn melody let sky and earth, let land and sea, for ever and for ever be!

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