CITIZENS OF HEAVEN



- 2. Glad as those who hear a glorious singing from the golden street, moving to the measure of the music that is passing sweet.
- 3. They have been within the inner chamber non can tread beside,
- where the Bridegroom radiant in his glory waiteth for the Bride.
- 4. He has shown them in those many mansions how to him is given that high palace of surpassing beauty, holiest in Heaven.
- 5. There it is that they behold his radiance, there his love they know, therefore theirs is God's eternal gladness whilst they walk below.
- 6. Therefore tread they in Earth's darkest places, through all grief and sin, for they know the home that waits the weary, know the love within.
- 7. Therefore sad and strange to them the splendours of the world must be,"O forgotten and rejected Jesus, we have looked on thee!
- 8. We have seen thee in the Father's glory, shared the Father's kiss; strange henceforward to the world our sadness, stranger yet our bliss.

- 9. Sadness for the eyes that cannot see thee, whom to see is Heaven; bliss that flows mysterious as the River when the Rock was riven.
- 10. Oh might some sweet song thy lips have taught us, some glad song and sweet, guide amidst the mists and through the darkness lost ones to thy feet.
- 11. Not our joy, but thy Divine rejoicing fills that palace fair, for the wonder past our heart's conceiving is the welcome there."
- 12. Is it strange that from the golden chamber, from the secret place, come thy forth with everlasting radiance of his glorious Face?
- 13. Telling mysteries that to babes are simple, hidden from the wise, fragrant with the odours of the lilies of God's Paradise?
- 14. Changed transformed; for ever and for ever; thine alone to be;knowing none on earth, O Lord, beside thee, none in Heaven but thee.

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