IN HIM WAS LIFE



- 2. Life leaps, and laughs, and sings aloud in glee, in man, and beast, and bird, and tree, and flower; yet each of these doth cry out hour by hour, 'I am not Life; THE Life is not in me.'
- 3. And beauty shineth, smileth everywhere, in heavens above, and on this earth beneath; yet with clear voice each bright thing brightly saith, 'I am not Beauty; I am only fair.'
- 4. Joy, too, all nature has with splendour clad;the sounds that fill the music-haunted air,or rise from forest or from stream, declare,'I am not gladness; I am only glad.'
- 5. O wondrous sun! with all that light of thine, unchanged since thy Creator kindled thee, the fountainhead of radiant purity; thou say'st; 'I am not light, I only shine.'
- 6. Look not to me, say earth, and sea, and sky, we but reveal another's comeliness; as voices crying in the wilderness, 'The birth-place of all beauty is on high.'

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