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to give or to withhold,
and knoweth more of all my needs
than all my prayers have told.

Enough that blessings undeserved
have marked my erring track;
that whereso'er my feet have swerved,
his chastening turned me back;

That more and more a providence
of love is understood,
making the springs of time and sense
sweet with eternal good;

That death seems but a covered way
which opens into light
wherein no blinded child can stray
beyond the Father's sight;

That care and trial seem at last,
through memory's sunset air,
like mountain ranges overpast,
in purple distance fair;

That all the jarring notes of life
seem blending in a psalm,
and all the angles of its strife
slow rounding into calm.

And so the shadows fall apart,
and so the west winds play;
and all the windows of my heart
I open to the day.

(1807-1892)