

Lord, Guard and Guide the Men Who Fly

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Lord, guide and guide the men who fly

Through the great spaces of the sky;

Be with them traversing the air

In darkening storms or sunshine fair.

Thou who dost keep with tender might

The balanced birds in all their flight,

Thou of the tempered winds, be near,

That, having Thee, they know no fear.

Control their minds with instinct fit

What time, adventuring, they quit

The firm security of land;

Grant steadfast eye and skillful hand.

Aloft in solitudes of space,

Uphold them with Thy saving grace.

O God, protect the men who fly

Through lonely ways beneath the sky.