

O Happy Is the Man Who Hears  
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O happy is the man who hears  
Instruction's warning voice;  
And who celestial wisdom makes  
His early, only choice.

For she has treasures greater far  
Than east or west unfold;  
And her rewards more precious are  
Than all their stores of gold.

In her right hand she holds to view  
A length of happy days;  
Riches with splendid honors joined  
Are what her left displays.

She guides the young with innocence,  
In pleasure's paths to tread,  
A crown of glory she bestows  
Upon the hoary head.

According as her labors rise,  
So her rewards increase;  
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,  
And all her paths are peace.