

Spirit of Power

William Alexander, 1849.

Ignaz Pleyel, 1815.

Spirit of power, and truth, and love,
Who sitt'st enthroned in light above,
Descend, and bear us on Thy wings
Far from these low and fleeting things.

Compassed by foes on every side,
By sin and sore temptation tried,
Where can we look or whither flee
If not, great Strengtheners, to Thee?

Come, Holy Spirit, like the fire,
With burning zeal our souls inspire,
Come like the south wind breathing balm,
Our joys refresh, our passions calm.

Come like the sun's enlightening beam,
Come like the cooling, cleansing stream,
With all Thy graces present be:
Spirit of God, we wait for Thee.