

That Day of Wrath

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That day of wrath, that dreadful day,
[or, The day of wrath]
When Heav'n and earth shall pass away!
What pow'r shall be the sinner's stay?
How shall he meet that dreadful day?

When, shriveling like a parched scroll,
The flaming heav'ns together roll;
When louder yet, and yet more dread;
Swells the high trump that wakes the dead.

O on that day, that wrathful day
When man to judgment wakes from clay,
Be Thou the trembling sinner's stay,
Though Heav'n and earth shall pass away.