

The River of Life
Mattie Torrey, 1875.
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O wonderful river! O life giving river!
That flows thro' the streets of the city above;
The trees on thy margin, that blossom and quiver,
Bring forth for the nations a fruitage of love.

Refrain

Wonderful river! Wonderful river!
Gladdening the plains where the ransomed abide:
Flow onward forever, wonderful, wonderful river!
Pure as thy source, which no darkness can hide!

O throne of the Lamb, with its glory unspoken!
O trees He hath planted for healing and rest!
Shine on in our vision, and give us a token
To comfort the heart that is sore and oppressed.

Refrain

We pine in the bondage that sin has thrown o'er us,
We long for the joy and the freedom of home
To join in the swell of the glorified chorus,
To drink of the river that flows from the throne.

Refrain