

Almighty Father, Heav'n and Earth

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Almighty Father, heav'n and earth  
With lavish wealth before Thee bow;  
Those treasures owe to Thee their birth,  
Creator, Ruler, Giver, Thou.

The wealth of earth, of sky, of sea,  
The gold, the silver, sparkling gem,  
The waving corn, the bending tree,  
Are Thine; to us Thou lendest them.

To Thee, as early morning's dew,  
Our praises, alms, and prayers shall rise  
As rose, when joyous earth was new,  
Faith's patriarchal sacrifice.

We, Lord, would lay at Thy behest  
The costliest offerings on Thy shrine;  
But when we give, and give our best,  
We give Thee only what is Thine.

O Father, whence all blessings come;  
O Son, Dispenser of God's store;  
O Spirit, bear our offerings home:  
Lord, make them Thine forevermore.