

God in His Earthly Temple Lays

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God in His earthly temple lays  
Foundations for His heav'nly praise:  
He likes the tents of Jacob well,  
But still in Zion loves to dwell.

His mercy visits every house  
That pay their night and morning vows;  
But makes a more delightful stay  
Where churches meet to praise and pray.

What glories are described of old!  
What wonders are of Sion told!  
Thou city of our God below,  
Thy fame shall Tyre and Egypt know.

Egypt and Tyre, and Greek and Jews,  
Shall there begin their lives anew;  
Angels and men shall join to sing  
The hill where living waters spring.

When God makes up His last account  
Of natives in His holy mount,  
'Twill be an honor to appear  
As one new-born or nourished there!