

Sowing and Reaping

Ada Bobbitt, 1880. Music: Solomon Straub.

Oh! sower, dost thou sow good seed?
And dost thou nobly bear thy part?
The world can only see the deeds,
While God, in Heaven, knows the heart.

Refrain

The hour is sunlit, Heaven blest,
Which sees some noble work begun;
Nor cease, nor idly wish for rest
Before thy toil hath vict'ry won.

Forget not that on every life
Around, you cast some light or shade!
Prepare then for the world's great strife;
By patient toil are true lives made.

Refrain

Against the wrong and for the right,
Ah! yes, brave heart, there's need for you!
The field for harvest still is white;
The laborers are all too few.

Refrain