

### The Lodestone

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As needles point towards the pole,  
When touched by the magnetic stone;  
So faith in Jesus, gives the soul  
A tendency before unknown.

Till then, by blinded passions led,  
In search of fancied good we range;  
The paths of disappointment tread,  
To nothing fixed, but love of change.

But when the Holy Ghost imparts  
A knowledge of the Savior's love;  
Our wand'ring, weary, restless hearts,  
Are fixed at once, no more to move.

Now a new principle takes place,  
Which guides and animates the will;  
This love, another name for grace,  
Constrains to good, and bars from ill.

By love's sure light we soon perceive  
Our noblest bliss, and proper end;  
And gladly every idol leave,  
To love and serve our Lord and Friend.

Thus borne along by faith and hope,  
We feel the Savior's words are true;  
And I, if I be lifted up,  
Will draw the sinner upward too.