

“NOT EARTHLY THINGS ONLY.”



NOT earthly things only do even Thy earthly creatures need, O Lord! What evil spirit whispers of independence to dependent man?

Upon a distant Star (so distant that man may calculate and speak of, but cannot realize the space which lies between it and him,) does life of every sort in this our world depend. Extinguish that, and what becomes of this? Thence light and warmth, and dews and showers, and purifying storms.

Not earthly things only, therefore, do Thy servants ask. But those who beg must not seek to choose. It is easy to hold out hands into the pleasant sunshine or refreshing shower. When the storm comes, then comes the trial. Then must hands of faith