

The Future Is Better Than the Past

Eliza Thayer Clapp, *The Dial*, July, 1841,
adapt. Hedge & Huntington, 1853

(Amsterdam)

The Foundery Collection, 1742,
arr. *The Sacred Harp*, 1911, alt.

1. All be - fore us lies the way; Give past un -
2. In the spi - rit's per - fect air, — In pas - sions

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to the wind; All be - fore us is the day, And night and
tame and kind, In - no - cence from self - ish care, There E - den

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dark be - hind: E - den with its — an - gels bold,
we shall find: From this spir - it — land, a - far

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Love, and flowers, and cool - est — sea, Is not
All dis - turb - ing force shall flee; Stir, nor

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an - cient sto - ry told But glow - ing pro - phe - cy.
toil, nor hope shall mar Its per - fect un - i - ty.