

Seek Not Afar

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1. Seek not a - far for beau - ty; lo, it glows
2. Go not a - broad for hap - pi - ness: for see
3. Dream not of no - ble ser - vice else-where wrought;
4. In won - der - work - ings, or some bush a - flame,

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In dew - wet grass - es all a - bout thy feet;
It is a flow - er bloom - ing at your door.
The sim - ple du - ty that a - waits your hand
We look for Truth, and fan - cy it con - cealed.

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In birds, in sun - shine, child - ish fac - es sweet,
Bring love and jus - tice home, and then no more
Is Love's voice speak - ing its di - vine com - mand:
But in earth's com - mon things Truth is re - vealed;

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In stars and moun - tain sum - mits topped with snows.
You'll won - der in what dwell - ing joy may be.
Life's com - mon deeds build all that pro - phets thought.
While grass and flowers and stars spell Truth's great name.

5. The paradise we seek, the city bright
That gleams beyond the stars for longing eyes,
Is only human goodness in the skies.
Earth's deeds, well done, glow into heavenly light.