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SHOW ME THY FACE

Show me Thy face – one transient gleam Of loveliness Divine,
And I shall never think or dream Of other love than Thine;
All lesser lights will darken quite,
All lower glories wane,
The beautiful of earth will scarce Seem beautiful again.

Show me Thy face – my faith and love Shall henceforth fixed be, And nothing here have power to move My soul's serenity. My life shall seem a trance, a dream, And all I feel and see, Illusive, visionary – Thou The *one reality*.

Show me Thy face – I shall forget
The weary days of yore;
The fretting ghosts of vain regret
Shall haunt my soul no more.
All doubts and fears for future years
In quiet trust subside;
And naught but blest content and calm
Within my breast abide.

Show me Thy face – the heaviest cross Will then seem light to bear; There will be gain in every loss, And peace with every care.

With such light feet the years will fleet, Life will seem brief as blest, 'Till I have laid my burden down And entered into *rest*.

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