

THE WISE MAN'S PRAYER

I ask not for the miser's gold,
Those treasures hid and hoarded,
Nor wish I for the rich man's hold
Of wealth where he has stored it.

I seek not for a kingly crown
In princely court or battle,
Nor envy I the shepherd's round
Of a thousand head of cattle.

I seek not for the warrior's fame,
With sword and life enchanted,
But let me keep my own fair name
Honored and untainted.

—Reginald Thair.