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THE drift of snowy pinions against a midnight sky;—

The rapture of a singing—the solace of a song;— The awe of humble shepherds when paradise was nigh,

Survive the skeptic centuries,—the warfare and the wrong.

The loneliness—the coldness that stressed the heavenly birth;—

The hurt of sullen glances that barred to warmth and rest;

The cruelty of Herod, who typified the earth, Survive to heal the wounds of Hate, and comfort the oppressed.

The Star that led the wise men an unaccustomed way,—

A golden hope to guide them when other hopes had flown,—

Survives in Faith that beckons the straying world today,

And leads to where the Holy Child is waiting for His own.

- Lucy Gertrude Clarkin.