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## " Tidings of Great Joy "

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Ah! restless hearts in a restless world,  
Dancing as Folly, the piper, plays;  
Like flakes of a snow-drift tossed and whirled,  
What do you seek through your aimless days?  
"Seeking the laughter of life are we,—  
The elfin raptures that mock and flee."

Ah! troubled hearts on a troubled earth,  
Crushed by the shadowy weight of fears:  
Rebels of Sorrow grown tired of Mirth,  
What do you seek through the lonely years?  
"Peace, we are seeking, apart from pain;  
Life does not yield it, our search is vain."

Restless and turbulent,—weak or strong,  
Ever the soul-starved, changeless cry:  
Have we forgotten the Angel song,—  
That promise made in a midnight sky?  
In the Christ Child's arms, stretched tenderly,  
Are the perfect Joy of a life to be,  
And the deathless Peace of Eternity.

—Lucy Gertrude Clarkin