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I thought of this sweet mother, and her plan,  
How she the children's wants did satisfy,  
And learned how God's far wider wisdom can  
Most loving grant, and tenderly deny!  
—S. S. Lewis.

The Contented Herd-boy.

In a flowery dell a herder kept his sheep; and because his heart was joyous he sang so loudly that the surrounding hills echoed back his song. One morning the king, who was out on a hunting expedition, spoke to him and said: "Why are you so happy, dear little one?"

"Why should I not be?" he answered; "Our king is not happier than I."

"Indeed?" said the king, tell me of your great possessions."

The lad answered: "The sun in the bright blue sky shines as brightly upon me as upon the king. The flowers on the mountains and the grass in the valley grow and bloom to gladden my sight as well as his. I would not take a hundred thousand dollars for my hands; eyes are of more value than all the precious stones in the world. I have food and clothing, too. Am I not, therefore, rich as a king?"

"You are right," said the king, with a laugh; "but your greatest treasure is a contented heart: keep it so, and you will always be happy."—From the German.

A Lesson.

BY SUSAN M. DAY.

Three children to their mothers' side had pressed,  
And eager voices made their loud acclaim,  
Conflicting prayers, imperious request.  
Wide differing tastes, that could not be the same.

I marked with wonder, how with patience wise,  
Untroubled brow, and loving, gentle smile,  
She hears each one, to each she soft replies,  
And all their varying wants does reconcile.

One wish she grants, another must deny  
Yet gives the pleader something in its place;  
Loves all alike, sees with impartial eye,  
And measures gifts to meet each suitor's case.

And thus, when once you said to me, dear friend,  
That you believed in God, but not that he  
To individual prayers his ears would lend,  
Since oft conflicting men's desires must be.

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