## THE BEST OFFERINGS



- 2. 'Tis not meet that first my wealth, time and talents, heart and health, should be all on self bestowed, thence to overflow to God.
- 3. Not the refuse of my field, nor the worst my flock may yield, are the offerings I should bring to the great and glorious King:
- 4. rather be my gifts supplied out of luxuries denied:out of pleasures, I m i g h t take, but refuse for Jesus' sake.
- 5. Angels cannot see in gold beauty such as men behold, in their eyes its precious part is its trial of the heart.
- 6. O how often it has proved, whether God or self be loved, and, when doubtful hung the scale, turned the beam, and told the tale.

- 7. Tho' the rich may freely pour wealth from their abounding store, time there was, when in God's sight dearer proved the widow's mite.
- 8. God alone the value knows of the gift the hand bestows, and, tho' he that gift may use, we the giver's grace may lose.
- 9. Earth should from her pattern, Heav'n, take the bright example giv'n, where, upon God's altar lies what he deemed a sacrifice:
- 10. not the lowest that could show sympathy with human woe, but the highest he could give, his own life that man should live.
- 11. Lord! let such the model be of my offerings to thee, and the spring my heart to move thine unutterable love.

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