PRAYER FOR A DEPARTING SPIRIT



- 2. Let me willingly surrender life to thee, its gracious lender: can I find a friend more tender? Why should I wish to stay?
- 3. Ere my pulse has ceased its beating, ere my sun has reached its setting, let me, some blessed truth repeating, shed round one parting ray.
- 4. Ere my chain's last link is broken, grant some bright and cheering token, that for me the words are spoken "Thy sins are washed away!"
- 5. If the powers of hell surround me, let the accuser not confound me; all for which thy law once bound me, thyself hast died to pay.
- 6. When no remedies availing, fiercer pangs my frame assailing, show that flesh and heart are failing, be thou my strength and stay!

- 7. When, though tender friends are near me, their kind pity cannot cheer me, and they strive in vain to hear me, turn not thy face away!
- 8. When, each face beloved concealing, death's dark shade o'er all is stealing, then, thy radiant smile revealing, unfold eternal day!
- 9. When the lips are dumb which blessed me, and withdrawn the hand that pressed me, then, let sweeter sounds arrest me, calling my soul away.
- 10. When, in silent awe suspended, those who long my couch have tended, weeping, wish that all were ended, oh, here them when they prey!
- 11. When my soul, no path discovering, o'er my lifeless form is hovering, then with wings of mercy covering, be thou thyself my way!

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