

ELIJAH!

The mountain lifts its form on high
Against the azure of the sky;
And far beneath appears in view
The sea, with waves of darker blue.

But what triumphant multitude
Upon that flowery mountain stood?
What acclamations, loud and long,
Arose from that assembled throng?

A prophet of the Lord was there,
With form erect and forehead bare,
And flowing locks of radiant white,
Transfigured in the golden light.

Fearless he stood without dismay,
Surrounded by that strange array;
But well the godless legions knew
That they were false, and he was true.

At Baal's shrine they vainly call,
No sacrificial fire shall fall;
But rocks unhewn, on grassy sod,
Receive the flame when reared to God.

But lo! upon the evening air,
Was heard the prophet's voice in prayer:
"O Lord, the fount of fire unseal;
As Thou art God, Thyself reveal!"

That prayer, so earnest, so intense,
Went up with faith's true eloquence;
And winged from heaven with rushing flame,
The suppliant's awful answer came!

The astonished people, in amaze
Shrink from the preternatural blaze,
Then falling on their faces, cry,
"The Lord, He is the God, most high!"

Oh, vainly had the men of pride,
The living God so long defied!
On stubborn necks the sword He drew,
And priest and idol perished too.

Thus, when a giant wrong has grown,
And Evil builds itself a throne;
When "Who is God?" the proud ones say,
"That we should worship and obey!"

Then, from His ancient seat in heaven,
The word goes forth, the sign is given;
"The Lord is God!" the people cry,
And right shall live, and wrong shall die.

In every age, and everywhere,
The burden of the prophet's prayer,
Though not of fire or vengeful sword,
Shall win an answer from the Lord.

Arthur John Lockhart.

"...Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I have done all these things at thy word. Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again...

Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt-sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench"

1 Kings 18:36-38

"And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God."

Verse 39.