

SONG OF REDEMPTION

In the Book of the Revelation there occur seven instances of the express form of worship and song in the Throne world.

It was high festival; and the gates were thrown wide open for John to witness such celebration.

The first, which seems to have been supremely glorious, occurred soon after his banishment to Patmos, on one hallowed morn, when his mind was wholly absorbed with thoughts of Jesus...

No sounds disturbed his holy musings, except those of the soft sea, which rolled its blue waves on the quiet strand along which he wandered.

When---Suddenly he, "heard behind him a great voice as of a trumpet, saying--- I am the First and the Last, and the Living One.""When he turned to see the Voice which spake with him," he was filled with awe and consternation. The united glories of his unexpected Visitant rendered him so powerless he "fell at His feet as one dead," until "He laid His right hand upon him, saying ---Fear not."

Strengthened by the Divine touch, and cheered by the Divine utterance ---the old familiar touch, and the old familiar voice, John was now suitably prepared for a series of Divine revelation.

Vision after vision passed before his astonished spirit, till at length, to climax the whole, the Mount of God rose before him, bathed in a light all its own, and on its dazzling summit, fast by a sapphire-colored throne, amid a group of resplendent elders, "a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain."

Blessed Lamb, by God appointed,
All our sins on Thee were laid:
By almighty love anointed,
Thou hast full redemption made.

Worship, honour, power, and blessing
Thou art worthy to receive:
Loudest praises, without ceasing,
Meet it is for us to give.

Help, ye bright angelic spirits!
Bring your sweetest, noblest lays!
Help to sing our Saviour's merits!
Help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

