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FUNERAL HYMNS.



H Y M N I.

- 1 **A**H, sister in Jesus, adieu!
 Thy warfare is happily o'er:
 Thy spirit has fought its way through,
 And pitch'd on the heavenly shore;
 Thy course upon earth is all run,
 The days of thy mourning are past,
 The joys that above thou hast won
 For ever and ever shall last.
- 2 O blessed estate of the dead,
 The dead that have died in the Lord!
 From trouble and misery freed,
 And sure of their endless reward:
 By sorrow no longer oppress'd,
 When join'd to the spirits above,
 With Jesus in glory they rest,
 They rest in the arms of his love.
- 3 O when will the Saviour extend
 The arms of his mercy to me!
 The days of my pilgrimage end,
 My soul from its prison set free?
 When will the dear moment arrive,
 Which long I have pin'd for in vain:
 And still I wou'd die to revive,
 And suffer with Jesus to reign.

- 4 Ah! give me to bow my faint head,
 My sorrowful soul to resign,
 From pain everlastingly freed,
 To sink on the bosom divine :
 My Saviour, why dost thou delay
 To call a poor wanderer home ?
 Come quickly, and bear me away ;
 The Bride and the Spirit say, come !

H Y M N II.

- 1 **R**EJOICE for a brother deceas'd,
 (Our loss is his infinite gain,)
 A soul out of prison releas'd,
 And freed from its bodily chain :
 With songs let us follow his flight,
 And mount with his spirit above,
 Escap'd to the mansions of light,
 And lodg'd in the Eden of love.
- 2 Our brother the haven hath gain'd,
 Out-flying the tempest and wind,
 His rest he hath sooner obtain'd,
 And left his companions behind ;
 Still toss'd on a sea of distress,
 Hard toiling to make the blest shore,
 Where all is assurance and peace,
 And sorrow and sin are no more.
- 3 There all the ship's company meet,
 Who sail'd with the Saviour beneath,
 With shouting each other they greet,
 And triumph o'er trouble and death :
 The voyage of life's at an end,
 The mortal affliction is past,
 The age that in heaven they spend
 For ever and ever shall last.

H Y M N III.

- 1 **H**OSANNAH to Jesus on high!
 Another is enter'd his rest,
 Another is 'scap'd to the sky,
 And lodg'd in Immanuel's breast :
 The soul of our sister is gone
 To heighten the triumph above,
 Exalted to Jesus's throne,
 And clasp'd in the arms of his love.
- 3 What fulness of rapture is there,
 While Jesus his glory displays,
 And purples the heavenly air,
 And scatters the odours of grace ?
 He looks—and his servants in light
 The blessing ineffable meet ;
 He smiles—and they faint at the sight,
 And fall overwhelm'd at his feet !
- 3 How happy the angels that fall,
 Transported at Jesus's name !
 The saints whom he soonest shall call
 To share in the feast of the Lamb !
 No longer imprison'd in clay,
 Who next from his dungeon shall fly,
 Who first shall be summon'd away ?
 My merciful GOD—Is it I !
- 4 O Jesus, if this be thy will,
 'That suddenly I should depart,
 Thy counsel of mercy reveal,
 And whisper the call to my heart :
 O give me a signal to know
 If soon thou wou'dst have me remove,
 And leave the dull body below,
 And fly to the regions of love.

H Y M N IV.

For one just departing.

- 1 **O** Sister in Jesus, arise,
 And joyful his summons obey;
 He beckons thee up to the skies,
 In mercy he calls thee away:
 His pity hath sign'd thy release;
 Return to thy native abode,
 Make haste to the mansions of bliss,
 And fly to the bosom of God.
- 2 To waft from the valley of tears,
 To bear thee triumphantly home,
 The chariot of Israel appears,
 The convoy of angels is come!
 With envy we let thee depart,
 Thy happier spirit resign!
 The purchase of Jesus thou art,
 And God is eternally thine.
- 3 Go then to thy glorious estate,
 No longer our partner in woe,
 No longer oppress'd with our weight,
 To Jesus in paradise go:
 Redeem'd from a world of distress
 Thou hear'it the acceptable word,
 He bids thee depart in his peace,
 And die for the sight of thy Lord.
- 4 Escape to a country above,
 Where only enjoyment is found,
 And springs of ecstatic love,
 And rivers of pleasure abound:
 No dreadful alarms of war,
 No famine, or sorrows, or pains,
 No sound of the trumpet is there,
 But Jesus eternally reigns.

- 5 He reigns in the holiest place,
 He dwells in the midst of his own,
 And fully discovers his face,
 And fills them with raptures unknown;
 With blifs inexpressibly great
 Their glorify'd spirits o'erflow——
 Go, sister, and share their estate,
 To Jesus in paradise go.
- 6 O Saviour, her spirit receive,
 Which into thy hands we resign,
 And us from our sorrows retrieve,
 And us to our company join:
 Our number and glory compleat,
 With all that are landed before,
 With thee let us joyfully meet,
 To part and to suffer no more.

H Y M N V.

On the sight of a CORPSE.

- 1 **A**H lovely appearance of death!
 No sight upon earth is so fair!
 Not all the gay pageants that breathe,
 Can with a dead body compare:
 With solemn delight I survey
 The corpse when the spirit is fled,
 In love with the beautiful clay,
 And longing to lie in its stead.
- 2 How blest is our brother, bereft
 Of all that could burthen his mind,
 How easy the soul that hath left
 This wearisome body behind!
 Of evil incapable thou,
 Whose relics with envy I see,
 No longer in misery now,
 No longer a sinner like me.

- 3 This earth is affected no more,
 With sickness, or shaken with pain,
 The war in the members is o'er,
 And never shall vex him again :
 No anger henceforward, or shame,
 Shall redden this innocent clay,
 Extinct is the animal flame,
 And passion is vanish'd away.
- 4 The languishing head is at rest,
 Its thinking and aching are o'er;
 The quiet, immovable breast
 Is heav'd by affliction no more :
 The heart is no longer the seat
 Of trouble and torturing pain,
 It ceases to flutter and beat,
 It never shall flutter again.
- 5 The lids he so seldom could close,
 By sorrow forbidden to sleep,
 Seal'd up in eternal repose,
 Have strangely forgotten to weep :
 The fountains can yield no supplies,
 These hollows from water are free,
 The tears are all wip'd from these eyes,
 And evil they never shall see.
- 6 To mourn, and to suffer, is mine,
 While bound in a prison I breathe,
 And still for deliverance pine,
 And press to the issues of death :
 What now with my tears I bedew,
 O might I this moment become,
 My spirit created anew,
 My flesh be consign'd to the tomb.

H Y M N VI.

- 1 **T**HIS finish'd! 'tis done!
 The spirit is fled,
 The prisoner is gone,
 The christian is dead!
 The christian is living
 In Jesus's love,
 And gladly receiving
 A kingdom above.
- 2 All honour and praise
 Are Jesus's due,
 Supported by grace,
 He fought his way through;
 Triumphantly glorious
 Through Jesus's zeal,
 And more than victorious
 O'er sin, death, and hell.
- 3 Then let us record
 The conquering Name,
 Our Captain and Lord
 With shoutings proclaim:
 Who trust in his passion
 And follow our head,
 To certain salvation
 We all shall be led.
- 4 O Jesus, lead on
 Thy militant care,
 And give us the crown
 Of righteousness there;
 Where dazzl'd with glory
 The Seraphim gaze,
 Or prostrate adore thee
 In silence of praise.

5 Come, Lord, and display
 Thy sign in the sky,
 And bear us away
 To mansions on high :
 The kingdom be given,
 The purchase divine,
 And crown us in heaven
 Eternally thine.

H Y M N VII.

- 1 **O** WHEN shall we sweetly remove !
 O when shall we enter our rest ;
 Return to the Sion above,
 The mother of spirits distressed !
 'That city of God, the great king,
 Where sorrow and death are no more ;
 But saints our Immanuel sing,
 And cherub and seraph adore.
- 2 Not all the archangels can tell,
 The joys of that holiest place,
 When Jesus is pleas'd to reveal,
 The light of his heavenly face ;
 Where caught in the rapturous flame
 The sight beatific they prove,
 And walk in the light of the Lamb,
 And bask in the beams of his love.
- 3 Who then upon earth can conceive,
 The bliss that in heaven they share ;
 Who then the dark world would not leave,
 And cheerfully die to be there ?
 O Saviour, regard our complaints,
 Array'd in thy majesty come,
 Fulfil the desires of thy faints,
 And suddenly gather us home.

- 4 Thou know'st in the spirit of pray'r,
 We groan thy appearing to see,
 Resign'd to the burden we bear,
 But longing to triumph with thee :
 'Tis good at thy word to be here,
 'Tis better in thee to be gone,
 And see thee in glory appear,
 And rise to a share in thy throne.
- 5 To mourn for thy coming, is sweet ;
 To weep at thy longer delay :
 But thou whom we hasten to meet,
 Shall chase all our sorrows away :
 The tears shall be wip'd from our eyes,
 When thee we behold in the cloud,
 And echo the joys of the skies,
 And shout to the trumpet of God.
- 6 Come then to thy languishing bride,
 Who went'st to prepare us a place,
 Receive us with thee to abide,
 And rest in thy mercy's embrace.
 Our heaven of heavens be this
 Thy fulness of mercy to prove,
 Implung'd in the glorious abyss,
 And lost in the ocean of love.

H Y M N VIII.

- 1 **A**WAY with our sorrow and fear !
 We soon shall recover our home ;
 The city of saints shall appear,
 The day of eternity come :
 From earth we shall quickly remove,
 And mount to our native abode,
 The house of our Father above,
 The palace of angels and God.

- 2 Our mourning is all at an end,
 When rais'd by the life-giving word,
 We see the new city descend,
 Adorn'd as a bride for her lord :
 The city so holy and clean
 No sorrow can breathe in the air,
 No gloom of affliction or sin,
 No shadow of evil is there.
- 3 By faith we already behold
 That lovely Jerufalem here !
 Her walls are of jasper and gold,
 As crystal her buildings are clear :
 Immovably founded in grace
 She stands as she ever hath stood,
 And brightly her Builder displays,
 And flames with the glory of God.
- 4 No need of the fun in that day
 Which never is followed by night,
 Where Jesus's beauties display
 A pure and a permanent light ;
 The Lamb is their light and their sun,
 And, lo ! by reflection they shine,
 With Jesus ineffably one,
 And bright in effulgence divine.
- 5 The faints in his presence receive
 Their great and eternal reward,
 In Jesus, in heaven they live,
 They reign in the smile of their Lord :
 The flame of angelical love
 Is kindled at Jesus's face,
 And all the enjoyment above
 Consists in the rapturous gaze.

HYMN IX.

- 1 **T**HANKS be to God, whose faithful love
 Halls call'd another to his breast,
 Transported him to joys above,
 To mansions of eternal rest.
- 2 Ripe for the glorious harvest made,
 He first was sav'd from inbred sin;
 The angel then his charge obey'd,
 And thrust the mortal sickle in.
- 3 He the good fight of faith hath won,
 He heard with joy the welcome word:
 "Hither come up (thy work is done)
 And reign for ever with thy Lord."
- 4 By ministerial spirits convey'd,
 Lodg'd in the garner of the sky,
 He rests, in Abraham's bosom laid,
 He lives with God, no more to die.
- 5 Thanks be to God, thro' Christ alone,
 Who gave our friend the victory,
 O Master, say to me, "Well done!"
 May I rejoice to die in thee.
- 6 Thus may we all our warfare end,
 In struggling to the upper skies,
 Our last triumphant moments spend,
 And grasp in death th' immortal prize.
- 7 O that we all may thus break through,
 The crown with holy violence seize,
 The starry crown to conquest due,
 The crown of life and righteousness.

- 8 Will not the righteous Judge bestow
The prize on all who seek him here,
And long while, sojourning below,
To see their much-lov'd Lord appear ?
- 9 He will (our hearts cry out) he will
Those eager wishes more than meet,
These infinite desires fulfil,
And make our happiness complete.
- 10 We all shall see our Life appear,
(Our hidden life in Jesus found)
Our dust th' archangel's voice shall hear,
And kindle at the trumpet's sound.
- 11 O what a soul o'er-pow'ring thought,
'Tis ecstasy too great to bear :
We all at once shall be up-caught,
And meet our Jesus in the air.
- 12 Eternity stands forth in sight !
We plunge us in that boundless sea,
Expatriate in those plains of light,
The regions of eternity !
- 13 Ev'n now we taste the heavenly powr's,
The glorious joys of angels prove,
A whole eternity is ours,
A whole eternity of love !

H Y M N X.

On the DEATH of MRS. A. C.

- 1 **A**ND is the struggle past ?
And hath she groan'd her last ?
Rise, my soul, and take thy flight,
Haste, the ascending triumph share,
Trace her to the plains of light,
Grasp her happy spirit there !

2 I know

- 2 I know her now posselt
Of everlasting rest !
Now I find her lodg'd above,
Now her heavenly joy I feel,
Ecstasy of joy and love ;
Glorious and unspeakable !
- 3 I triumph in her blifs !
The proof, the token this !
'This my dying friend's bequest,
This the answer of her pray'r,
Speaks her enter'd into rest,
Tells me I shall meet her there.
- 4 Lord, I accept the sign,
And blefs thy love divine :
Thou hast through the mortal vale
Led her to the realms above,
Caught her from the toils of hell,
Plac'd her on a throne of love.
- 5 I, I shall conquer too,
Like her shall all break through !
To my heavenly friends convey'd,
I shall share the marriage feast :
Pants my soul on earth delay'd,
Gasps for her eternal rest.
- 6 Come, O my Saviour, come,
Receive thy servant home !
Now recal thy banish'd one,
Draw me from the tent of clay :
Heart'st thou not thy spirit's groan ?
Come, my Saviour, come away !
- 7 O come, the Spirit cries,
O come, the Bride replies !
Thee I call with ev'ry breath ;
Let me die to see thy day,
Snatch me from this life of death :
Come, my Saviour, come away !

H Y M N XI.

On the DEATH of E. B., of KINGSWOOD.

- 1 **R**EJOICE, ye fons of light,
 Over a faint deceas'd !
 The happy soul hath took its flight,
 And enter'd into rest.
 Toft to and fro no more
 On life's tempeftuous fea,
 The happy soul hath reach'd the fhore
 Of calm eternity.
- 2 She at the welcome word
 Is out of prifon fled,
 Releas'd from her oppreffive load,
 And free among the dead :
 The bloody husband's pow'r
 Did with her breath expire,
 And, lo ! ſhe lives to die no more
 Amidft yon angel quire.
- 3 The ſpirits of the juſt
 Made perfect here in love,
 With theſe, and all the heavenly hoſt,
 She finds her place above ;
 One with the ſaints in light,
 The witneſſes of God,
 She waſh'd her robes and made them white
 In the Redeemer's blood.
- 4 Her ſoul was cleans'd below,
 And ſav'd from ſin's remains,
 Whiter on earth than Salmon's ſnow,
 She now with Jeſus reigns ;

Long in the furnace try'd,
 Long in the vale distrest,
 The Lamb at last hath call'd his bride
 Up to the marriage-feast.

- 5 With steadfast faith and hope,
 Let us her steps pursue,
 Cheerful, like her, the cross take up,
 Like her the world break through;
 Like her our faith approve,
 And patiently endure,
 And make, by all the works of love,
 Our heavenly calling sure.

H Y M N XII.

On the DEATH of MRS. F. C.

- 1 **T**HANKS be to God alone,
 Through Jesus Christ his Son!
 He who hath for all obtain'd,
 Gives our friend the victory:
 Sister, thou the prize hast gain'd,
 Died for him who died for thee.

- 2 The mortal hour is past,
 Thou hast o'ercome at last,
 Freed from pain, for ever freed,
 Ended is thy glorious strife,
 Death, the latest foe, is dead,
 Death is swallow'd up of life.

- 3 The lamb-like innocence
 Is soon departed hence;
 From the world of sin and pain
 Thou art clean escap'd away,
 Sav'd from sin's infectious stain,
 Taken from the evil day.

- 4 Stranger to guilty fears
 Thou lived'st thy twenty years,
 From the great transgression free ;
 Never did the poison spread,
 Jesus, ere it rose in thee,
 Jesus crush'd the serpent's head.
- 5 His Spirit's gentlest art
 Open'd thy simple heart ;
 The eternal gospel-word,
 Lydia-like thou didst receive,
 Fall before thy bleeding Lord,
 Own him, and with ease believe.
- 6 Soon as thy heart did feel
 The pardon-stamping seal,
 Heard thy soul the warning cry,
 " Here thou hast not long to stay,
 " Rise, my love, make haste to die,
 " Rise, my love, and come away !"
- 7 Thy cheerful soul obey'd,
 Through suffering perfect made,
 Perfect made in a short space,
 Thy resign'd and Christ-like soul,
 Started forth and won the race,
 Reach'd at once the glorious goal.
- 8 Aloft the spirit flies
 And gains her native skies ;
 Kindred souls salute her there,
 Springing from the azure throne,
 All in shouts their joy declare,
 All their new-born sister own.
- 9 Th' angelic army sings,
 And clap their golden wings !
 Harping with their harps they praise,
 Him, through whom she all o'ercame,
 Sharer of his richest grace,
 Closest follower of the Lamb.

- 10 From love's soft witchcraft free,
Her spotless purity
Liv'd to only Christ below ;
Higher now she reigns above,
Mightier joys advanc'd to know,
Honour'd with his choicest love.
- 11 Among the morning-stars
A brighter crown she wears,
With peculiar glories grac'd,
Seated on a loftier throne,
'To superior raptures rais'd,
Nearest God's eternal Son.
- 12 Mixt with the virgin-train
She charms th' ethereal plain,
With the Lamb for ever found ;
Angels listen while she sings,
Catch th' inimitable sound,
Music for the King of kings !
- 13 O happy, happy soul,
Thy heavenly joy is full !
Thee the Lamb had made his bride,
Call'd thee to his feast above ;
Thee he now hath glorify'd,
Taught thee the new song of love.
- 14 O that at last even I,
Like thee might sweetly die ;
Die, and leave the world of woe,
Die out of the reach of sin,
Die the joys of heaven to know :
Open, Lord, and take me in !
- 15 Give me thy blifs to share,
The meanest spirit there,
Only let me see thy face,
See with thee my happier friend,
At an awful distance gaze,
Taste the joys that never end.

- 16 Thou wilt cut short my years,
 And wipe away my tears ;
 Lo ! I wait thy leisure still
 Humbly at thy footstool lie,
 Calm to suffer all thy will,
 Glad in thee to live and die.

H Y M N XIII.

- 1 **W**E know, by faith we know,
 If this vile house of clay,
 This tabernacle sink below
 In ruinous decay :
 We have a house above
 Not made with mortal hands,
 And firm as our Redeemer's love
 That heavenly fabric stands.
- 2 It stands securely high,
 Indissolubly sure,
 Our glorious mansion in the sky
 Shall evermore endure.
 O were we enter'd there
 To perfect heaven restor'd,
 O were we all caught up to share
 The triumph of our Lord.
- 3 Beneath our earthly load
 We labour now and groan,
 And hasten tow'rd that house of God,
 And struggle to be gone :
 We would not, Lord, desire
 And end of misery,
 But Thee our earnest souls require,
 We long to die for Thee.
- 4 For this in faith we call,
 For this we weep and pray,
 O might the tabernacle fall,
 O might we 'scape away !

Full of immortal hope,
 We urge the restless strife,
 And hasten to be swallowed up
 Of everlasting life.

5 Absent, alas! from God,
 We in the body mourn,
 And pine to quit this mean abode,
 And languish to return:
 Jesus, regard our vows,
 And change our faith to fight,
 And clothe us with our nobler house
 O empyrean light.

6 O let us put on Thee
 In perfect holiness,
 And rise prepar'd thy face to see,
 Thy bright unclouded face;
 Thy grace with glory crown
 Who hast the earnest given,
 And now triumphantly come down
 And take our souls to heaven.

H Y M N XIV.

1 **J**ESUS, come! our utmost Jesus,
 Save us from the world beneath,
 From a life of pain release us,
 From a life of daily death;
 Listen to the ceaseless moaning
 Of thy plaintive turtle-dove:
 Answer, Lord, thy Spirit's groaning,
 Take us to our church above.

2 Many a soul is lodg'd before us,
 In the garner of the grave:
 Jesus, come! To life restore us,
 Us from all our troubles save.
 Us in infinite compassion
 To our happier friends unite,

Raise us to our highest station,
 Rank us with thy saints in light.
 3 Still we bear about thy dying
 In our feeble bodies here,
 Languishing for thee, and crying
 Light of life in us appear.
 Take to us thy kind embraces,
 To thy heavenly banquet lead;
 Wipe the sorrow from our faces,
 Set the crown upon our head.

H Y M N X V.

1 **H**OSANNAH to God
 In his highest abode;
 All heaven be join'd,
 To extol the Redeemer and Friend of mankind!
 He claims all our praise,
 Who in infinite grace
 Again hath stoop'd down,
 And caught up a worm to inherit a crown.
 2 Our partner below
 Our brother in woe,
 From his sorrow and pain
 He hath call'd to the pleasures that always
 He hath snatch'd him away [remain:
 From a cottage of clay
 To a kingdom above,
 A kingdom of glory, and gladness, and love.
 3 Our friend is restor'd,
 To the joy of his Lord,
 With triumph departs,
 But speaks by his death to our echoing hearts:
 Follow after, He cries,
 As he mounts to the skies,
 Follow after your friend,
 To the blissful enjoyments that never shall end.

4 And shall we not press
 To that harbour of peace,
 That heavenly shore,
 Where sorrow, and parting, and death are no
 more :

Our brother pursue,
 And fight our way through,
 In the strength of our Lord
 Follow on, till we seize the eternal reward ?

5 Through Jesus's name,
 Our comrade o'ercame,
 And Jesus is ours,
 And arms us with all his invincible powers :
 He looks from the skies,
 He shews us the prize,
 And gives us a sign
 That we shall o'ercome by the mercy divine.

6 The Saviour of all
 For us he shall call—
 Shall shortly appear ;
 Our day of eternal salvation is near.
 We too shall remove
 To our city above,
 On mortals look down,
 Triumphant assessors of Jesus's throne.

7 For us is prepar'd,
 The angelical guard,
 The convoy attends,
 A minist'ring host of invisible friends :
 Ready wing'd for their flight
 To the regions of light
 The horses are come,
 The chariots of Israel to carry us home.

8 They soon shall convey,
 Our spirits away,
 Our spirits that groan,
 And cry for redemption and long to be gone.
 By the cross we endure
 We shall make the crown sure,
 By a moment of pain,
 We all shall a joyful eternity gain.

H Y M N XVI.

1 **H**APPY who in Jesus live,
 But happier still are they
 Who to God their spirits give,
 And 'scape from earth away:
 Lord, thou read'st the panting heart,
 Lord, thou hear'st the praying sigh,
 O 'tis better to depart,
 'Tis better far to die!

2 Yet if so thy will ordain,
 For our companions good,
 Let us in the flesh remain,
 And meekly bear the load:
 When we have our grief fill'd up,
 When we all our work have done,
 Late partakers of our hope,
 And sharers of thy Throne.

3 To thy wise and gracious will
 We quietly submit,
 Waiting for redemption still,
 But waiting at thy feet:
 When thou wilt the blessing give,
 Call us up thy face to see,
 Only let thy servants live,
 And let us die to Thee.