

“Thees” and “Thous”

Teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.

Mark 7:7

Christ had a dear disciple
Who leaned upon His breast;
Where John, who knew his welcome,
Had learned to come and rest.

And John delights to tell it-
Inspired from heaven above;
He was that dear disciple,
"The one whom Jesus loved."

And in the Holy Writings
That dear disciple penned
We learn God's love, especially,
Clear to the Bible's end.

The others, too, were welcome,
But never do we see
Their hearts give in to Jesus
Quite so familiarly.

We know we're also welcome
Close to the Savior's heart,
So why must we address Him
As if we were apart?

The Greek of early Scripture
Used ordinary forms;
But we've, by our traditions,
Established "Reverent" norms.

We've made archaic English
The only fitting way,
And speak to Him in pronouns
Familiar in their day.

We hold God at a distance
With "Thees" and "Thous" obsessed;
Well knowing He is yearning
To fold us to His breast.

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