



# **THE CANDLE OF VISION**

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"THE SPIRIT OF MAN IS THE CANDLE OF THE LORD."--  
PROVERBS.

"WHEN HIS CANDLE SHINED ON MY HEAD AND BY HIS LIGHT I  
WALKED THROUGH DARKNESS."--JOB

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that divine hour in the twilights of time, when out of rock, mountain, water, tree, bird, beast or man the seraph spirits of all that live shall emerge realising their kinship, and all together, fierce things made gentle, and timid things made bold, and small made great, shall return to the Father Being and be made one in Its infinitudes.

When we attain this vision nature will melt magically before our eyes, and powers that seem dreadful, things that seemed abhorrent in her will reveal themselves as brothers and allies. Until then she is unmoved by our conflicts and will carry on her ceaseless labours.

No sign is made while empires pass.  
The flowers and stars are still His care,  
The constellations hid in grass,  
The golden miracles in air.

Life in an instant will be rent  
When death is glittering, blind and wild,  
The Heavenly Brooding is intent  
To that last instant on Its child.

It breathes the glow in brain and heart.  
Life is made magical. Until  
Body and spirit are apart  
The Everlasting works Its will.

In that wild orchid that your feet  
In their next falling shall destroy,  
Minute and passionate and sweet,  
The Mighty Master holds His joy.

Though the crushed jewels droop and fade  
The Artist's labours will not cease,  
And from the ruins shall be made  
Some yet more lovely masterpiece.

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