

Nidaros

In the convent of Drontheim,
Alone in her chamber,
Knelt Astrid the abbess.

At midnight, adoring, Beseeching, entreating
The Virgin and Mother.
She heard in the silence
The voice of one speaking,
Without in the darkness,
In gust of the night-wind,
Now louder, now nearer, Now lost in the darkness,
The voice of a stranger, It seem'd as she listened,
Of someone who answer'd
Beseeching! Imploring, A cry from a far-off
She could not distinguish, She could not distinguish.

The voice of Saint John, The Beloved disciple,
Who wander'd and waited
The Master's appearance.
Alone in the darkness, Unshelter'd, and friendless,
Alone, unsheltered, And friendless.

It is accepted, the angry defiance, It is accepted,
The angry defiance, The challenge of battle,
It is accepted.
But not with the weapons of war,
That thou wieldest, Cross against corslet,
Peace against war cry, Patience is pow'rful;
He that o'er cometh hath pow'r o'er the nations.

As torrents in summer, Half dried in their channels,
As torrents in summer, Half dried in their channels,
As torrents in summer, Half dried in their channels,
As torrents in summer, Half dried in their channels,
Suddenly rise, Suddenly rise,
Though the sky is still cloudless, still cloudless,
For rain has been falling, For rain has been falling,
Far off at their fountain, Far off at their fountain,
Far off, far off.

Oh hearts that are fainting, Grow full to o'er flowing,

And they that behold it Marvel, marvel,
And know not that God, God at their fountain
Far off has been raining, Far off has been raining.

Stronger than steel Is the sword of the spirit,
Swifter than arrows The light of the Truth is.
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Swifter than arrows The light of the Truth is.
Stronger than anger is love, Stronger than anger is love,
Stronger is love,
Stronger than anger is love, Stronger than anger is love,
And subdueth.

Thou art a phantom, A shape of the sea-mist,
A shape of the brumal rain
And the darkness, Fearful, and formless
Day dawns, day dawns and thou art not.
The dawns is not distant, Nor is the night starless,
Love is eternal, Love is eternal.

God is still God, is still God, is still God,
And his faith shall not fail us.
His faith shall not fail us.
Christ is eternal, Christ is eternal,
Christ is eternal, Christ is eternal,
Christ is eternal, Christ is eternal.