O Thou Great Friend

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1. O Thou great Friend to all the sons of men,
   Who once appeared in humblest guise below,
   Sin to rebuke, to break the captive's chain,
   And call Thy brethren forth from want and woe!

2. We look to Thee: Thy Spirit gives the light
   Which guides the nations, groping on their way,
   Stumbling and falling in disastrous might,
   Yet hoping ever for the perfect day.

3. Yes: Thou art still the Life; Thou art the Way
   The holiest know,—Light, Life, and Way of heaven;
   And they who dearest hope, and deepest pray,
   Toil by the Light, Life, Way, which Thou hast giv'n.