As The Growing Of The Corn

Words and Music: Thomas P. Westendorf

1. "Tis not great events that make Men and nations what they be;
   Little rivers form the lake, Lakes and rivers form the sea,
   God hath made the human heart So that out of it must flow.
   That which makes of life a part What of grief or joy we know.

2. Noble thoughts and actions spring From the selfsame hidden source
   That doth envious hatred bring, Giving brutal passion force.
   Not today, but after years, Patient waiting, night and morn.
   Warmed with smiles and wet with tears, As the growing of the corn.

3. Brother, sister, oh, take heed, In your heart there is a germ
   Like the grain of mustard seed, Growing stronger, growing firm.
   And the fruit must soon appear, Whether wheat or ugly thorn.
   First the blade and then the ear, By and by the full ripe corn.

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Chorus

First the blade and then the ear, So the spirit-life is born,

Silently it doth appear, As the growing of the corn.