

Holy Matrimony.

CANA.

7.6.7.6.

MELCHIOR VULPIUS, 1609.

1 The voice that breathed o'er E - den, That ear - liest wed-ding day,

The pri - mal marriage bless - ing, It hath not passed a - way. A-men.

- 2 Still in the pure espousal
 . Of Christian man and maid,
 The holy Three are with us,
 The threefold grace is said.
- 3 Be present, awful Father,
 To give away this bride,
 As Eve thou gav'st to Adam
 Out of his own pierced side:
- 4 Be present, Son of Mary,
 To join their loving hands,
 As Thou didst bind two natures
 In Thine eternal bands!
- 5 Be present, holiest Spirit,
 To bless them as they kneel,
 As Thou, for Christ the Bridegroom,
 The heavenly Spouse dost seal!
- 6 O spread Thy pure wing o'er them,
 Let no ill power find place,
 When onward to Thine altar
 Their hallowed path they trace,
- 7 To cast their crowns before Thee
 In perfect sacrifice,
 Till to the home of gladness
 With Christ's own Bride they rise. Amen.

JOHN KEBLE, 1857.

Visitation.

- 4 I do not ask, O Lord, that Thou shouldst shed
Full radiance here;
Give but a ray of peace, that I may tread
Without a fear.
- 5 I do not ask my cross to understand,
My way to see;
Better in darkness just to feel Thy hand,
And follow Thee.
- 6 Joy is like restless day; but peace divine
Like quiet night.
Lead me, O Lord, till perfect day shall shine,
Through peace to light. Amen.

386

ADELAIDE A. PROCTOR, 1862.

STEPHANOS.

8.5.8.3.

HENRY W. BAKER, 1868.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <p>2 Hath He marks to lead me to Him,
If He be my guide?
"In His feet and hands are wound-
prints,
And His side."</p> <p>3 Is there diadem, as monarch,
That His brow adorns?
"Yea, a crown, in very surety,
But of thorns."</p> <p>4 If I find Him, if I follow,
What His guerdon here?
"Many a sorrow, many a labour,
Many a tear."</p> | <p>5 If I still hold closely to Him,
What hath He at last?
"Sorrow vanquished, labour ended
Jordan past."</p> <p>6 If I ask Him to receive me,
Will He say me nay?
"Not till earth, and not till heaven
Pass away."</p> <p>7 Finding, following, keeping, strug-
gling,
Is He sure to bless?
Angels, martyrs, prophets, virgins,
Answer, "Yes."</p> |
|---|---|

JOHN M. NEALE, 1862.