

# LORD, THIS VOW THAT I HAVE TAKEN

Heavenly Father, I adore thee!

Lord, I know the powers of evil

Hallowed be thy holy name;

Are increasing every day;

Mighty angels bow before thee,

Trying to ensnare and hinder

Should not mortals do the same?

Those who walk the narrow way.

May thy rule of love control me,

Never will I listen to them;

And thy will in me be done;

Hear the Vow I make before thee,

Lord, I fear their subtle power,

In the name of Christ, thy Son.

From their every snare protect me,

Help me, keep me, every hour.

Daily will I pray, remember

Lord, in all my daily dealings

All thy servants, dearest Lord,

Toward my brethren in the Truth,

Those who labour as one family,

I will not by word or action

To dispense thy precious Word;

Do what thou wouldst not approve.

Those who lonely go, as Pilgrims,

Purity shall mark my conduct;

Those who travel two by two,

Chaste in thought and word I'll be,

Those who volunteer to scatter

That the image of my Master

Golden gems, like morning dew.

May be perfected in me.

O'er my thoughts, and words and actions,

Lord, this Vow, that I have taken

I a closer watch will keep,

I could never keep alone.

That I may be used more freely

When I think of self, I tremble;

In the feeding of thy sheep.

When I look to thee I'm strong.

Oh, I want thy power to cleanse me,

Leaning on thee, in my weakness,

By its power to set me free,

Trusting thee for promised grace,

From all fleshly imperfections,

I will take this Vow and keep it,

And to make me more like thee.

Till I see thee face to face.

—Rebecca F. Doney.