



Home, Sweet Home

*Go home to thy friends,
and tell them how
great things the Lord
hath done for thee.
(Mark 5:19)*

A person's home reveals the heart;
The books upon the shelf;
The way the precious hours are spent,
For others or for self.

The choice of music in the air,
Amid the household chores,
Will indicate the kind of folk
Who live within its doors.

O happy Christian dwelling-place
Of thankfulness and prayer!
How soon the news is spread abroad,
The Christ is living there.

A place where hymns of praise ascend,
Where tender love appears,
And Scriptures taught in childhood days
Remain with passing years.

In mansion grand or cottage fair,
The family altar raise,
If hitherto through sad neglect
There lack both prayer and praise.

God's ordered battlements erect;
Outside great dangers lurk;
'Twill make the home sweet and secure,
The happiest place on earth.

"Go home and tell, go home and show
The great things done for thee."
Thus Jesus spake to one of old
From Satan's pow'r set free.

Toil in this sphere of usefulness
Ere distant fields are sown;
The light that sheds its beams afar,
Shines brightest nearest home.

.....Bernard Fell

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