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Was redet ihr so viel von Angst und Not,  
In eurem tadellosen Treiben?  
Ihr frommen Leute, schlagt die Sorge tot,  
Sie will ja doch nicht bei euch bleiben!

Doch wo die Not, um die das Mitleid weint,  
Nur wie der Tropfen an des Trinkers Hand,  
Indes die dunkle Flut, die keiner meint,  
Verborgnen steht bis an der Seele Rand –

Ihr frommen Leute wollt die Sorge kennen,  
Und habt doch nie die Schuld gesehn!  
Doch sie, sie dürfen schon das Leben nennen  
Und seine grauenvollen Höhn;

Hinauf schallt's wie Gesang und Loben,  
Und um die Blumen spielt der Strahl,  
Die Menschen wohnen still im Tal,  
Die dunklen Geier horsten droben.