If There Be That Skills to Reckon Words: From the Latin.
Music: John Randall, ca. 1774.

If there be that skills to reckon All the number of the blest, He perchance can weigh the gladness Of the everlasting rest, Which, their earthly exile finished, They by merit have possessed.

Through the vale of lamentation Happily and safely past, Now the years of their affliction In their memory they recast, And the end of all perfection They can contemplate at last.

There the gifts of each and single All in common right possess;
There each member hath his portion
In the Body's blessedness;
So that he, the least in merits,
Shares the guerdon none the less.

In a glass through types and riddles Dwelling here, we see alone; Then serenely, purely, clearly, We shall know as we are known, Fixing our enlightened vision On the glory of the throne.

There the Trinity of Persons Unbeclouded shall we see; There the Unity of Essence Perfectly revealed shall be; While we hail the Threefold Godhead And the simple Unity.

Wherefore, man, take heart and courage, Whatsoe'er thy present pain; Such untold reward through suffering Thou may'st merit to attain; And for ever in His glory With the Light of light to reign.