

## *Blackfriars*

principle? Indubitably, for 'the Spirit breatheth where He will.' What do they receive as Pentecost comes round year by year, and pray 'Come Holy Spirit'? A fresh outpouring of the Holy Ghost according to their individual merits, but not as members of the corporate visible society which is the Church. They receive, indeed, the Holy Spirit, but not precisely in His character as 'the soul of the Church,' for as such He is especially the Spirit of Unity, and the separated members are outside that complete Unity.

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### *LIFE'S DESIRE*

**W**HAT of my life,  
This pining, never-slaked, thirsting life of  
mine?  
What if the nectar-sweet and mystic wine,  
For which it doth repine,  
And maketh instant strife,  
Ne'er pass but only touch the heart's parched, gaping  
lips?  
For that swift change inevitable, rude with ruthless  
might,  
Doth snatch away the dreamed delight.  
Not ours to stay Time's headlong stream, that slips  
Remorseless, resistless, unimpassioned, heedless on.  
Not ours to hold the meteor-moment,  
Now here—then e'en while we think on't—gone.  
'Twas so meant,  
That desire might grow wise with languishing;  
Grasp at, clutch emptiness of a dream;  
And look up, beyond, away from all that merely seem,  
To Beauty, Goodness, Truth unchanging, fulfilling,  
ravishing.

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