

“Thees” and “Thous”

*Teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.*

*Mark 7:7*

Christ had a dear disciple  
Who leaned upon His breast;  
Where John, who knew his welcome,  
Had learned to come and rest.

And John delights to tell it-  
Inspired from heaven above;  
He was that dear disciple,  
"The one whom Jesus loved."

And in the Holy Writings  
That dear disciple penned  
We learn God's love, especially,  
Clear to the Bible's end.

The others, too, were welcome,  
But never do we see  
Their hearts enjoying Jesus  
Quite so familiarly.

We know we're also welcome  
Close to the Savior's heart,  
So why must we address Him  
As if we were apart?

The Greek of early Scripture  
Used ordinary forms;  
But we've, by our traditions,  
Established "Reverent" norms.

We've made archaic English  
The only fitting way,  
And speak to Him in pronouns  
Familiar in their day.

We hold God at a distance  
With "Thees" and "Thous" obsessed;  
Well knowing He is yearning  
To fold us to His breast.

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