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Heap high the farmer's golden hoard!  
Heap high the golden corn!  
No richer gift our Avonr pours  
From out her lavish horn!

Let other lands exulting glean  
The apple from the pine,  
The orange from its glossy green,  
The cluster from the vine.

We better love the hardy gift  
Our rugged vales bestow.  
To cheer us when the storm shall drift  
Our harvest fields with snow.

Thro' vales of grass, and meads of flowers,  
Our plows their furrows make,  
While on the hills the sun and showers  
Of change April played.

We dropped the seed o'er hill and plain,  
Beneath the sun of May,  
And frightened from our sprouting grain  
The robber crows away.

All thro' the long bright days of June  
Its leaves grow bright and fair,  
And waved in red midsummer noon  
Its soft and yellow hair.

And now with Autumn's moonlit eyes,  
Its harvest time has come,  
We pluck away its frosted leaves,  
And bear the treasure home.

There, richer than the faded gifts  
Apollo showered of old,  
Fair hands the broken grain shall sift,  
And knead its mead of gold.

Let ripid rills roll in silk,  
Around the costly board;  
Give us the bowl of samp and milk,  
By homespun beauty poured.

Then shone on all the proud and vain,  
Whose folly laughs to scorn  
The blessings of a hardy grain,  
Our wealth of golden corn.

Let earth withhold her goodly root,  
Let midday blight the rye,  
Give to the worm the orchard's fruit,  
The wheat fields to the fly;

But let the good old crop remain  
The hills our fathers trod;  
Still let us for His golden corn  
Send up our thanks to God!

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