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William Cullen Bryant

Bryant, William Cullen (1794-1878) - American poet and editor of the New York Evening Post who practiced law before devoting his life to writing. A master of blank verse, Bryant's earliest works are considered his best. "Whatsoever He Sayeth Unto You, Do It" (1864) - A hymn. Opening lines: "Whate'er he bids, observe and do"; / Such were the words that Mary said,...

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“Whate’er he bids, observe and do”;
Such were the words that Mary said,
What time the Holy One and True
Sat where the marriage feast was spread.

Then, at his word, the servants sought
The streams from Cana’s fountains poured,
And lo! the crystal water brought
Was ruddy wine upon the board.

Whate’er he bids observe and do;
Such be the law that we obey,
And greater wonders men shall view
Than that of Cana’s bridal day.

The flinty heart with love shall beat,
The chains shall fall from passion’s slave,
The proud shall sit at Jesus’ feet
And learn the truths that bless and save.

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