

**1789**

**THE DIVINE IMAGE (From Songs of Innocence)**

***William Blake***

Blake, William (1757-1827) - English poet, engraver, and mystic who illustrated his own works. A rare genius, he created some of the purest lyrics in the English language. Blake believed himself to be guided by visions from the spiritual world; he died singing of the glories of heaven. The Divine Image (1789) Opening lines: To Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love / All pray in their distress;...

**DIVINE IMAGE**

To Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love  
All pray in their distress;  
And to these virtues of delight  
Return their thankfulness.

For Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love  
Is God, our father dear,  
And Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love  
Is Man, his child and care.

For Mercy has a human heart,  
Pity a human face,  
And Love, the human form divine,  
And Peace, the human dress.

Then every man, of every clime  
That prays in his distress,  
Prays to the human form divine,  
Love, Mercy, Pity, Peace. -

And all must love the human form,  
In heathen, turk, or jew;  
Where Mercy, Love & Pity dwell  
There God is dwelling too.

**THE END**