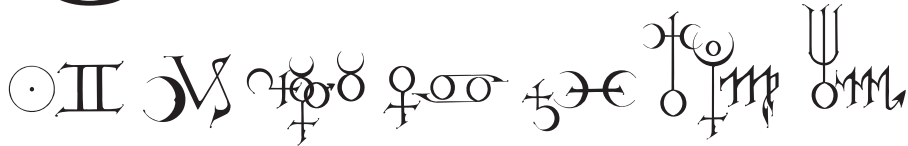


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Flowers seek his sheltering hands,
Sparrows find a place to land,
Children tenderness through the years –
Adults a quality to quell their fears.

Mountain moments thoughtful hours,
Strawberry pie communicative powers –
Double shifts long breakfast talks,
Reliable steady just plain rocks.

Interwoven repeating refrain,
Says it hit him like a freight train –
No pearly gates there to warn him,
Just clover fields then a garden.

Earthen kiss every celestial delight,
Imagine paradise think in sight –
Turn your cheek was said the price,
Self as separation to sacrifice.