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“WHAT a sad, sad world” said an angel to God.

“Saddest of all in Thy vast domain.
Man, on the earth Thy Son’s feet once trod,
Has thwarted Thy purpose again and again.
That little earth grows not better but worse,
The sorriest spot in Thy universe.”

God, who is Love, looked yearningly down
At the sins and sorrows of all mankind,
King and peasant, the sage and the clown,
Croesus and beggar, the seeing and blind,
Grasping and losing, despairing and hoping,
A world in bewilderment, stumbling and groping.

THEN God to the angel: “It truly is sad.
The free will I gave them so many misuse.
Nations and men spurn the good, choose the bad,
And heaven’s best offerings sadly abuse.
Some day to wisdom the world will attain,
Though they must reach it through sorrow and pain.

“But they are learning; my way they will find.
Man will not always be stupid and blind.
Love will yet triumph and Christ will yet reign
Over a world free from sorrow and pain.

Angels and men will unite in a choir
Eager to sing of His glory, and then
All round the earth, rising higher and higher,
‘Glory to God, and good will among men.’”

L.T.P.

*Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year
and all the years that are to be.*

From Levi T. Pennington



Love and best wishes all
the time.