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Ah, not in penitence—not in penitence
We take this way—the only way to peace;
In bitterness of soul our abstinence
Resentfully we see our pleasures cease.
We, who should make necessities the source
Of heavenly treasures, waste them wantonly;
We, who should make a recompense of force,
Are blind, rebellious fools who will not see.

God's way to vict'ry;
Prayers ? But prayers are weak
Unless a nation's prayers are one with pain,
To walk in sorrow is to hear God speak,
To break in body and be healed again;

When we have conquered self what other foe
Can wreck the sanct'ry of peace we'll know ?

—*Lucy Gertrude Clarkin.*