

# Platitudes at Vesper

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“FATHER, I ask Thy peace for all mankind  
Tonight. I pray that they may share Thy love,  
Which comes to all who humbly look above  
And ask forgiveness. May they seek to bind  
Their lives to Christ, and in His presence find  
An understanding Comforter for grief;  
When in their deepest sorrow know relief  
In happiness for body, soul, and mind.”

I say the words so often said before  
By kneeling figures in this quiet, old,  
Gray chapel. A slanting ray of sunlight brings  
The Gothic window's pattern to the floor;  
The noisy church-bells clang and crash. They hold  
My prayer to earth. Outside a robin sings.

