

41 HYMN FOR SEMI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
OF THE DEDICATION OF THE FIRST UNITARIAN
CHURCH OF SOUTH NATICK (MA), NOVEMBER 20,
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Eternal God, whose mighty power
Controls the slowly circling spheres
And yet whose all-pervading love
E'en in the humblest life appears,
Thy people, shielded by Thy care
Have walked in peace these fifty years.

In other lands, Thy worshipers
Have reared with toil, vast, stately piles
And unto Thee their reverent eyes
Uplift in dim cathedral aisles;
We, in this humbler temple met,
Have shared the sunshine of Thy smile.

Beneath this roof the song of praise
Hath blended with the voice of prayer,
As, week by week, Thy children met
To thank thee for the guardian care
That guides our steps and keeps us safe,
Not only here, but everywhere.

Our Father, in the years to come,
Be with us as in days gone by!
O fill us with a sacred joy
When the last summons comes - to die,
And from this lowly temple lift
Our spirits to thy home on high!

Sources:

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