

A

[so shall the world go on,

A

To good malignant, to bad men benign,]

B

C

[Under her own weight groaning] [till the day

C

Appear of respiration to the just,

C

And vengeance to the wicked, at return

C

D

Of him] [so lately promised to thy aid

D

E

The woman's seed,] [obscurely then foretold,

F

[Now amplier known thy saviour and thy Lord,]

G

[Last in the clouds from heaven to be revealed

G

H

In glory of the Father,] [to dissolve

H

I

Satan with his perverted world,] [then raise

I

J

K

From the conflagrant mass, [purged] and [refined,]

I

New heavens, new earth, ages of endless date]

L

[Founded in righteousness and peace and love]

M

[To bring forth fruits joy and eternal bliss.] (12.537–51)