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Who bids for God's own image, for His grace,  
Which that poor victim of the market-place  
Hath in her sufferings won.  
My God! shall such things be?  
Hast Thou not said that whatsoe'er is done  
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