

**O** HAPPY is the man who hears  
Instruction's warning voice!  
And who celestial wisdom makes  
His early, only choice.

- 2 For she has treasures greater far,  
Than east or west unfold;  
And her rewards more precious are,  
Than all the stores of gold.
- 3 In her right hand she holds to view  
A length of happy days,  
Riches of soul, with honours joined  
Are what her left displays.
- 4 She guides the young with light and grace  
The heavenly path to tread;  
A crown of glory she bestows  
Upon the aged head.
- 5 According as her labours rise,  
So her rewards increase:  
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,  
And all her paths are peace.

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