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O Could Our Thoughts

Coventry. C.M.

ANNE STEELE (1716-1778)

English

1. O could our thoughts and wish-es fly, A - bove these gloom - y shades,
 2. There, joys un - seen by mor - tal eyes, Or rea - son's fee - ble ray,
 3. Lord, send a beam of light di - vine, To guide our up - ward aim;
 4. O then, on faith's sub - lim - est wing, Our ar - dent souls shall rise

To those bright worlds be - yond the sky, Where sor - row ne'er in - vades!
 In ev - er - bloom - ing pros - pect rise, Ex - posed to no de - cay.
 With one re - viv - ing look of Thine, Our lan - guid hearts in - flame.
 To those bright scenes where pleas - ures spring Im - mor - tal in the skies.

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O for a Faith

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JEREMIAH INGALLS (1764-1828)

1. O for a faith that will not shrink, Though pressed by man - y a foe;
 2. That will not mur - mur or com - plain Be - neath the chas - tening rod,
 3. A faith that shines more bright and clear When tem - pests rage with - out;
 4. That bears unmoved the world's dread frown, Nor heeds its scorn - ful smile;
 5. Lord, give me such a faith as this, And then, what - e'er may come

That will not trem - ble on the brink of pov - er - ty,
 But in the hour of grief or pain, of grief or pain
 That when in dan - ger knows no fear, knows of no fear,
 That sin's wild o - cean can - not drown, no, can - not drown,
 I'll taste e'en here the hal - lowed bliss, the hal - lowed bliss