



*Heritage*

St. John's Church - Maury County, Tennessee  
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## The Heritage

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No matter what my birth may be,  
No matter where my lot is cast,  
I am the heir in equity  
Of all the precious Past.

The art, the science, and the lore  
Of all the ages long since dust,  
The wisdom of the world in store,  
Are mine, all mine in trust.

The beauty of the living earth,  
The power of the golden sun,  
The Present, whatso'er my birth,  
I share with everyone.

As much as any man am I  
The owner of the working day;  
Mine are the minutes as they fly  
To save or throw away.

And mine the Future to bequeath  
Unto the generations new;  
I help to shape it with my breath,  
Mine as I think or do.

Present and Past my heritage,  
The Future laid in my control;  
No matter what my name or age,  
I am a Master-soul!