

All fair within those children of the light

Experience of Christ — General

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(Guitar: Capo 3)

1. All fair with - in those children of the light, Though dark their brows be - neath the de - sert sun;
 Mys - te - rious joys, far hid - den from all sight, The King of Glo - ry giv - eth to each one;
 No thought of man has pic - tured them, No hand may touch that di - a - dem;
 With - in God's light His own a - bide With hid - den glo - ry glo - ri - fied.

2. To earthly eyes they are as Adam's race—
 They wear the earthly form, and scars of pain
 On them as on all sinners leave their trace;
 Their outward needs are those of other men.
 And theirs the forms of earthly life,
 Theirs sleeping, waking, want, and strife,
 Yet this they have that they despise
 What fairest seems to earthly eyes.

3. And inwardly their life is from above,
 The Lord's Almighty Word hath quickened them;
 Flames kindled from the everlasting Love,
 The children of the New Jerusalem;
 Their brethren are the saints in light,
 And songs of sweetness infinite
 They sing with them to God Most High,
 A deep and wondrous melody.

4. They walk upon the earth, and dwell in heaven,
 Though pow'rless, guard the world with arms unseen;
 Deep peace to them in midst of strife is given,
 And all they wish they have, though poor and mean.
 Storms beat them, but may not destroy,
 Fast rooted in eternal joy;
 They walk as in the shade of death,
 Yet living on in silent faith.

5. When Christ their Life shall be made manifest,
 When He shall come with all His pow'r to rule,
 Their glory, hidden long, shall be confessed;
 Arise and shine! O bright and beautiful!
 With Christ ye shall ascend on high,
 Victorious in His victory—
 The hidden light shall shine afar,
 Each saint an everlasting star.