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THANKSGIVING

Let us observe the day,
Just you and I, in just a different way
From the observance of the former years...
There have been joys and tears,
And hopes and fears,
And creature comforts manifold...
The very words seem old.

II.

I wonder if the great God might not
Be once refreshed if we, what'er our task
Made a new fresher choice
Of words to voice
Our gratitude....

III.

So you and I-
May we not reverently try
Now to surprise him by
A bit of unexpected praise
In all but silence, raise
Our hearts and say
Today:

IV.

Good Father; now accept our gratitude sincere
For unremembered blessings, yonder, here,
Unlisted goodness, unconscious safety, Thou
Vouchsafed to us...And now,
Receive our thanks and for the forgotten
 gifts each day
With which, Thou hast enriched and beautified
 our way.

---D.G.Bickers

