

## *Devotions* compiled by Anne Jones

Soon will the high Midsummer pomps come on,  
Soon will the musk Carnations break and swell,  
Soon shall we have gold—dusted snapdragon,  
Sweet—William with his homely cottage smell,  
And stocks in fragrant blow;  
Roses that down the alleys shine afar,  
And open, jasmine—muffled lattices,  
And groups under the dreaming garden—trees,  
And the full moon, and the white evening star.  
*Matthew Arnold, Thyrsis*

One thing at least is certain -This Life flies..  
One thing is certain and the rest is lies.  
*Omar Khayyam*

If an hour seems long,  
I remind myself that it will never return,  
and it immediately becomes terribly short.  
*Paul-Henry Spaak*

Do you love life? Then do not squander time,  
for that's the stuff that life is made of.  
*Benjamin Franklin*

Life being very short, and the quiet hours of it few, we  
ought to waste none of them in reading valueless books.  
*John Ruskin.*

All books are divisible into two classes;  
the books of the hour, and the books of all time.  
*John Ruskin.*

We live in deeds, not years,  
In thoughts not breaths,  
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.  
We should count time in heart throbs.  
He most lives, who thinks most,  
Feels the noblest, acts the best.  
*J.H. Bayley*

PRAYER:  
O God of many names,  
Lover of all nations,  
We pray for peace  
In our hearts,  
In our homes,  
In our Nations,  
In our World,  
The peace of your will,  
The peace of our need  
*Bishop George Appleton.*

Lord, for tomorrow and its need,  
I do not pray;  
But keep me, guide me, love me Lord,  
Just for today.  
*Sister M. Xavier*  
**AMEN**  
*A.J.*

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