CHANGING ADDRESSES:

LEAVING EARTH FOR HEAVEN

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Creation was an extrusion  
From the eternity of God;  
Out of himself and limitless dimensions 
Came space, planets, and sod

This world is but a micro-byte  
Of the Creator and his worth,  
Yet in his intentionality 
He had purpose for this earth

Its uniqueness as a planet  
Would display the human race  
A full reflection of his image,  
Of anything less, not a trace

We cannot begin to comprehend  
The sheer glory of that creation,  
Made for humans with sin untainted  
Destined for a sublime vocation

The ‘morning star, son of the dawn’  
Succumbed to perfidy,  
Expelled from heaven in turn he brought  
This virus to humanity  

Planet earth with all creation 
Groaned with this injury,  
Astral, spatial, and global realms 
Suffered the fall-out from this tragedy

God’s masterpiece was marred  
The humanly perfect was demeaned,  
Man and woman disabled at Eden  
Yet they would be redeemed!

The Master’s plan was the master plan  
He created a new creation,

1 Isaiah 14:12f; Ezekiel 28:11f
2 Romans 8:20-23
Jesus as God would atone for sin
And initiate a sublime salvation

Believers in Christ comprise the new race
By Holy Spirit power and anointment,
Receiving the powers of the new age
They begin to fulfil their appointment

Believers now are being groomed
For thronal and governing function,
The eternal for them has already come,
Their experience a sublime preparation

For God will present a sight unequalled,
A new heavens and a new earth
Peopled and ruled by those made ready
Through the calling of the new birth

The new creation has been under way
Since that time Jesus rose from the dead,
Its fulness will be seen, its glory displayed
Under Christ its majestic Head

Death has lost its battle and sting
Before us our superannuation,
Dying a good death is only a foyer
Into rewards of predestination

So dying and death is simply a matter
Of transition from the temporal,
A change of address, and transformation
Where the normal is phenomenal

The kingdom to come is immeasurable
Beyond the dimensions of science,
New worlds will exceed the incredible
With Jesus, an eternal alliance

A calling to ministry is a continuum
So no one can ever “retire”,
Service in which we are now engaged
Will be enhanced when we go higher

Daniel was faithful for ninety years
And assured of a personal function

\(^1\) Hebrews 6:4-5
\(^4\) Revelation 21:1-7
\(^5\) 1 Corinthians 15:55
In worlds to come at the end of the days,
A heritage of eternal unction

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6 Daniel 12:13