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## When I Am Stronger

*By* J. B. MONTGOMERY-McGOVERN

For prayers left unanswered,  
 Though prayer in agony was wrought—  
 For longing denied,  
 Though bitter the denial—  
 For these, O God, I build an altar.  
 And some day, when I am stronger,  
 I shall burn incense  
 On the altar I have builded  
 To God's wisdom.

The prayers that have been granted—  
 When I thought that God was good—  
 Their granting has brought  
 What granted prayers must bring:  
 Shadow that follows light,  
 Smoke that envelopes flame.  
 Such is the law, priests say,  
 Law of God's wisdom.

To that wisdom I build now an altar,  
 And when I am stronger  
 I shall come and burn incense  
 To the God who makes laws  
 That rend men—  
 For their good, priests say.

## Restraint

*By* ELINOR LENNEN

Only the ignorant are clamorous,  
 Fearful they may forget before they tell.  
 The patient wise await their turn to speak.  
 The desert could be still a thousand years  
 And yet retain its truth inviolate.