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SEASONS OF THE SOUL

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To everything there is a season, and a
time for every purpose under heaven.
—Ecclesiastes, 3:1

I

Through everything the
Theme of Nature runs:
There are Seasons of the
Moon, as there are
Seasons of the inmost life—
O Seasons of the Soul!

II

There are Seasons of
Beginning and ending.
Seasons of failure and grace.
Seasons of rising and falling—
O Seasons of the Soul!

III

There are Seasons of
Seed-growth and harvest.
Seasons of heroes and goats.
Seasons of hunger and plenty—
O Seasons of the Soul!

IV

There are Seasons of
Genius and madness.
Seasons of laughter and tears.
Seasons of distance and nearness—
O Seasons of the Soul!

V

There are Seasons of
Gaining and losing.
Seasons of darkness and light.
Seasons of healing and wounding—
O Seasons of the Soul!

VI

There are Seasons of
Loss and renewal.
Seasons of sorrow and joy.
Seasons of nadir and zenith—
O Seasons of the Soul!

VII

There are Seasons of
Danger and refuge.
Seasons of summits and depths.
Seasons of wisdom and folly—
O Seasons of the Soul!

VIII

There are Seasons of
Exile and homecoming.
Seasons of pleasure and pain.
Seasons of dying and being reborn—
O Seasons of the Soul!

IX

There are Seasons of the
Inmost life, as there are
Seasons of the Moon:
Through everything the
Theme of Nature runs—
O Seasons of the Soul!