

I KNOW THEE

As a child he lay him down to sleep
'Neath starry sky and darkness deep
And God into his dreams did creep
And showed him the answers to everything.

To star-lit sky his eyes so wide
To deepest night the small boy cried,
"I know thee, and thou art mine."

A young man, he, with beasts to tame
He sits astride the steed of fame
Forgotten now his boyhood game
And the answers he knew to everything

To the burning sun that yields each day
With confidence he's apt to say
"I know thee, and I shall rule thee."

His place secure and his status great
Yet lonely he's become of late
Now seeks his soul to find a mate
To teach him the answers to everything.

By fireside in love's embrace
Now flesh to flesh and face to face,
"I know thee, and I shall devour thee."

With lover's vow these two are one
The grace of God gives them a son
Now looks he down at a life begun
That will ask him the answers to everything.

By candlelight he holds his child
With tender touch and whispers mild,
"I know thee, and thou hast devoured me."

Now when years have passed him by
He lays him down at last to die
His children gather round and cry
As he bequeaths the answers to everything.

A match at his lips announces death
As he breathes in peace his final breath,
"I know thee, and I am thine."