

Cloud of Mercy

We thank you and we praise you, God-
Radiance of the rising sun,
Splendor of the universe-
So far beyond our reach,
So deep within us-
We falter
As we seek your face!

We thank you for Jesus,
Passing cloud
Of your mercy and compassion.

Strong summer shield
That shades our eyes
From blazing heat and fire
Too bright for us to bear.

Cool autumn rain
That coaxes courage
To persevere
When all seems lost and vain.

White winter snow-
That calms our fears and dread of death.
Still silence,
Stirring tides of tears that flow.

Wellspring of life-
We, budding shoots
Nipped by freezing frost of sin.
In him
We rise in hope
Again and yet again.

For him, your humble gift,
We sing a song of praise.

- *Brother John*

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