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- 2. Alas, the brittle clay
 That built our body first!
 And every month, and every day,
 'Tis mould'ring back to dust.
- 3. Our moments fly apace, Nor will our minutes stay; Just like a flood, our hasty days Are sweeping us away.
- 4. Well, if our days must fly, We'll keep their end in sight; We'll spend them all in wisdom's way, And let them speed their flight.
- 5. They'll waft us sooner o'er This life's tempestuous sea; Soon we shall reach the peaceful shore Of blest eternity.