

PRAYER

give us the word
o lay down the law unto us
o lay down the law upon us

pour us
into the divine mould
stamp upon us
the divine impression
make us
divine interchangeable parts

o standardize us
release us from the cruel necessity
of grappling with diversity

and when we have been stamped
and when we have been moulded
and when we have been polished
to the similitude of a palace

o assemble us
o put us each into his rightful place
o fit us each into his proper niche

that we may remain
fitted and put
grounded and immovable
forever and ever
amen

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