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1692 How the Love dos flow! being
even sick with Love. O Divine
Sweetness, who can stand under
such sickness of Love Sweetness,
making me say I am sick of
Love; all Love, all Sea of Love,
which reminds me of being all
Sea, as is formerly express^d. I
was as all salt, and so was mel-
ted into the Sea; so that I was
as in the whole Sea, and had tinc[]
turd It; and then became filled
with Sea again: so that the Sea
was me and I was Sea. O shall
these sweet Flaming Breath’s bring
forth a Birth of Love in my Sou[]
who can stand under the Divine
Extasies of It.

March. 2

O the Essential Goodnes and
sweetnes centred in the Essen[]
ce of the Flame in me! Sweet
nes beyond Expression, arising from
the Holy Ghost within me: which
thing I feel as Love reveals. Sweet

Jesus inflames me. O how am I sop[t]
 in Thy Love! It breaketh in like
 a flood of Warm Flame. Sweet
 Jesus tell me, Teach me all
 Thy Will, that Thy Word Life 1130
 may be the Life in me, O Thou 1692
 Word of Life!

Blessed and Holy Ghost, when
 wilt Thou arise to perfect Births!
 O bring forth Thyself to manifesta-
 tion! Something very Secret and
 hid I feel: I joy in the Joy of the
 Lord: is it not as the Joy of Har-
 vest? but sorrow is intermixd
 with this foresight of Joy. I feel
 Sorrow and behold I mourn. I feel
 Sorrow as of a Woman in tra-
 vail, yet the Joy of It is so deep,
 as that it is beyond the Sorrow.
 Sorrow must come first, Sorrow
 in the Evening and Joy in the Mor-
 ning.

March. 6.

O Thou Deeper than Good, the
 Cause and Essence of all Good! O
 my God help my Soul to travell in the
 Depths to praise Thee, and the rejoyce
 in Thy rejoycing Essence in me; that

Thy Holy Ghost, which Thou hast placed in me, may rise with Power, O my God! O Lord God the Holy Ghost arise with Power; then will be, healing under Thy wing of Power! Perfect Thy work of Power in me.

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1131

1692 O Holy Ghost in me arise to Perfection! O Holy Ghost methinks I could say nothing else but, O Holy Ghost! and call upon the Holy Ghost to help me: as if by calling on the Holy Ghost, He will help. There is such a Depth, large and Powerfull to come forth, and arise in and through me as if it must needs be to the rending of the Vail /the outward Body/ for that Birth of Power seemes so large a Masculine Form, larger by far than my own form; that sure to have that born in and thrô me, and to arise in its man[]ly Form in strength and Power, must needs rend the Case; being too big to be contained in It. It is as if it

were to fill all my whole man,
 with Its manhood, Strength, vic-
 tory and Power: But alas! My
 Case is nothing so big as that, how
 then can I be the Case to such
 a Form, till I be no more I, nor
 any thing but Power, Sense even
 saith, how can this be? That I
 be embodied all over, head, hands,
 body, feet, with a Body, in my Bo-
 dy; seeing It is too big, bigger
 than the Case that It is to be
 put in: yet sure It is for me
 either in Time or Eternity.

1132

1692 Let me wait Thy Time O God, and
 let the rending the Vail be what
 Thou pleasest! Let me not fear,
 for fear that thô It seemes to
 me to be the Ghostly Body, of the
 Holy Ghost, yet being so large and
 strong, I say how can this be!

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