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## MEDITATION FOR THE DAY OF ATONEMENT.

Oh! would that I might be  
 A servant unto thee,  
 Thou God by all adored :  
 Then, though by friends out-cast,  
 Thy hand would hold me fast  
 And draw me near to thee, my King and Lord.

Spirit and flesh are thine,  
 O Heavenly Shepherd mine ;  
 My hopes, my thoughts, my fears, thou seest all,  
 Thou measurest my path, my steps dost know.  
 When thou upholdest, who can make me fall?  
 When thou restrainest, who can bid me go?  
 Oh! would that I might be  
 A servant unto thee,  
 Thou God by all adored :  
 Then, though by friends out-cast,  
 Thy hand would hold me fast  
 And draw me near to thee, my King and Lord.

Fain would my heart draw nigh  
 To thee, O God! on high,  
 But evil thoughts have led me far astray  
 From the pure path of righteous government.  
 Guide thou me back into thy holy way,  
 And count me not as one impenitent.  
 Oh! would that I might be  
 A servant unto thee,  
 Thou God by all adored :  
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מי יתגני עֶבֶד אֱלֹהֵי עֹשְׁנִי •  
 וירַחֲמֵנִי כָּל דּוֹד • וְהוּא יִקְרִיבֵנִי :

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| • | נִפְשִׁי וְגוֹי קִבִּית      | • | יִזְעָרֵי וְרוּעֵי |
| • | וּמִחֲשׁוֹבוֹתַי רָאִיתָ     | • | בְּנֶפֶת לְרַעֵי   |
| : | וְכָל דְרָכַי זָרִיתָ        |   | אֶרְחִי וְרַבְעֵי  |
| • | מִי זֶה אֲשֶׁר יִכְשִׁילֵנִי | • | אִם תַּעֲזָרֵנִי   |
| : | מִי זֶה אֲשֶׁר יִתְיַרֵנִי   | • | כִּי תַעֲזָרֵנִי   |

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| • | לְהִיּוֹת קְרוֹבִים אֵלַיָּךְ   | • | הִמּוֹ קְרִבֵי    |
| • | וּרְחֻמֹּם מַעֲלֶיךָ            |   | אוֹלָם עֲצָבֵי    |
| : | מַעַל כְּתִיב מַעֲגֶלְיָךְ      |   | יִטּוֹ כְּתִיבֵי  |
| • | וּבְאִמְתָּךְ תִּדְרִיבֵנִי     | • | יֵה לַמִּדְנֵי    |
| : | כִּדְיִן • וְאֵל תִּרְשִׁיעֵנִי |   | וְלֹאֵשׁ כְּחֵנִי |

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If in my youth, I still  
 Fail to perform thy will,  
 What can I hope when age shall chill my breast?  
 Heal me, O Lord! with thee is healing found—  
 Cast me not off, by weight of years oppress'd,  
 Forsake me not when age my strength has bound.  
 Oh! would that I might be  
 A servant unto thee,  
 Thou God by all adored:  
 Then, though by friends out-cast,  
 Thy hand would hold me fast  
 And draw me near to thee, my King and Lord.

Contrite and full of dread,  
 I mourn each moment fled  
 Midst idle follies roaming desolate;  
 I sink beneath transgressions manifold,  
 That from thy presence keep me separate;  
 Nor can sin-darkened eyes thy light behold.  
 Oh! would that I might be  
 A servant unto thee,  
 Thou God by all adored:  
 Then, though by friends out-cast,  
 Thy hand would hold me fast  
 And draw me near to thee, my King and Lord.

So lead me that I may  
 Thy sovereign will obey.  
 Make pure my heart to seek thy truth divine,  
 When burns my wound, be thou with healing near!  
 Answer me, Lord! for sore distress is mine,  
 And say unto thy servant, I am here!  
 Oh! would that I might be  
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 Thou God by all adored:  
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Alice Lucas.

- ואני בעדנה לעשות רצונה מתרפה
  - אף פי בזקנה מה זה איחל ואצפה
  - אל נא רפא נא • פי עמך אל המרפא
  - יום תמשני זקנה • וכחי ינשני
  - אל תמשני אלי • ואל תעזבני
- מי ותנני עבד אלוה עושני •  
וירחמני כל יוד • והוא יקריבני :

- דפא ואמלל אשב • וחרד לרנצי
  - ערם ושולל אלה בתבלי תעמוצי
  - ואני מחולל מרב זדוני ופשעי
  - פינה וביני עון אשר יבדילני
  - ויחשכני לראות באורה עיני
- מי ותנני עבד אלוה עושני •  
וירחמני כל יוד • והוא יקריבני :

- הטה לבבי לעבוד עבודת מלכותך
  - ומחשבי טהר לדעה אלהותך
  - ובעת פאבי אל נא תאחר רפאותך
  - אלי ענני • אל תחששה ותענני
  - מהר ענני • ונאמר לעבדך הנני
- מי ותנני עבד אלוה עושני •  
וירחמני כל יוד • והוא יקריבני :