DAY OF DOOM

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Stanza 5
(The suddenness, Majesty, & Terror of Christ’s appearing. Mat. 25:6 2 Pet. 3:10)

For at midnight brake forth a Light,
   which turn’d the night to day,
And speedily an hideous cry
   did all the world dismay.
Sinners awake, their hearts do ake,
   trembling their loynes surprizeth;
Amaz’d with fear, by what they hear,
   each one of them ariseth.

Stanza 18

Both Sea and Land, at his Command,
   their Dead at once surrender:
The Fire and Air constrained are
   also their mighty dead to tender.
The mighty word of this great Lord
   links Body and Soul together
Both of the Just, and the unjust,
   to part no more for ever.

Stanza 209
(Wicked Men and Devils cast into it for ever. Mat. 22:13 & 25:46)

With Iron bands they bind their hands,
   and cursed feet together,
and cast them all, both great and small,
   into that Lake for ever.
Where day and night, without respite,
   they wail, and cry, and howl
For tort’ring pain, which they sustain
   in Body and in Soul.