WE THANK THEE

by Ralph Waldo Emerson adopted for Jikoen

For flowers that bloom about our feet; For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;

For song of bird, and hum of bee; For all things fair we hear or see,

Amida Buddha, we thank Thee!

For blue of stream and blue of sky; For pleasant shade of branches high;

For fragrant air and cooling breeze; For beauty of the blooming trees,

Amida Buddha, we thank Thee!

For mother-love and father-care; For brothers strong and sisters fair;

For love at home and here each day; For guidance lest we go astray,

Amida Buddha, we thank Thee!

For this new morning with its light; For rest and shelter of the night;

For health and food, for love and friends; For everything your goodness sends,

Amida Buddha, we thank Thee! Namo Amida Butsu.