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### The Angelus - A Sonnet

The Angelus -sweet savored Grecian name  
With just that added meaning which recalls  
The difference between Greek temple walls  
And our more modest churches! Who would blame  
The Greek word Angelus, now "tidings good?"  
If such there be, he surely hath not stood  
Beneath a hill that slopes up toward the west.  
And watched the cattle grazing 'gainst the sky,  
That mark its deepening orange and invest  
Its glories with a life that brings them nigh  
Our sympathies – he never thus hath stood  
And heard the sweet bell ring out in the air,  
Until each chord in nature thrills in prayer  
And whispers back the echo, "God is good.

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