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# SEASONS OF THE SOUL

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To everything there is a season, and a  
time for every purpose under heaven.  
—Ecclesiastes, 3:1

I

Through everything the  
Theme of Nature runs:  
There are Seasons of the  
Moon, as there are  
Seasons of the inmost life—  
*O Seasons of the Soul!*

II

There are Seasons of  
Beginning and ending.  
Seasons of failure and grace.  
Seasons of rising and falling—  
*O Seasons of the Soul!*

III

There are Seasons of  
Seed-growth and harvest.  
Seasons of heroes and goats.  
Seasons of hunger and plenty—  
*O Seasons of the Soul!*

IV

There are Seasons of  
Genius and madness.  
Seasons of laughter and tears.  
Seasons of distance and nearness—  
*O Seasons of the Soul!*

V

There are Seasons of  
Gaining and losing.  
Seasons of darkness and light.  
Seasons of healing and wounding—  
*O Seasons of the Soul!*

VI

There are Seasons of  
Loss and renewal.  
Seasons of sorrow and joy.  
Seasons of nadir and zenith—  
*O Seasons of the Soul!*

VII

There are Seasons of  
Danger and refuge.  
Seasons of summits and depths.  
Seasons of wisdom and folly—  
*O Seasons of the Soul!*

VIII

There are Seasons of  
Exile and homecoming.  
Seasons of pleasure and pain.  
Seasons of dying and being reborn—  
*O Seasons of the Soul!*

IX

There are Seasons of the  
Inmost life, as there are  
Seasons of the Moon:  
Through everything the  
Theme of Nature runs—  
*O Seasons of the Soul!*