

## A STARRING ROLE

Retiring from the earthly stage at last,  
We change and put on makeup so unique  
No actor could have worn it in his past,  
Nor bowed and raised so radiant a cheek.  
Each player's voice resolves a major chord  
Which swells into dimensions never heard.  
Each tongue transmits the music of the Lord,  
Each ringing passage amplifies His Word.

We will not mourn our exit toward the wings  
Or sadden over lines left unexpressed.  
Soon we will have a role in greater things,  
Assume our true identities twice blessed:  
A re-beginning ends life's old disguise.  
Endings are pauses while new curtains rise.