

# The Level and The Square

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*This poem, written in August 1854, is the most popular of the series. Fifteen Musical compositions have been set to it, and either as song or declamation it has gone the rounds of the Masonic world.*

We meet upon the level and we part upon the square  
These words have precious meaning and are practiced everywhere  
Come let us contemplate them, they are worthy of a thought  
From the ancient times of Masonry these symbols have been taught

We meet upon the level, every country, sect and creed  
The rich man from his mansion, the poor man from the field  
For wealth is not considered within our outer door  
And we all meet on the level upon the checkered floor.

We act upon the Plumb the Junior Warden states  
We walk upright throughout our lives, we seek the pearly gates  
The All-seeing Eye that reads our hearts doth bear us witness true

That we shall try to honor God and give each man his due  
We part upon the square as all good Masons do  
We mingle with the multitude a faithful band and true  
So the brotherhood of Masonry from every corner come  
To meet upon the level and act upon the plumb.

There's a world where all are equal we're coming to it fast  
We shall meet upon the level there when the days on earth are past

We shall stand before the altar and our Master will be there  
To try the blocks we offer with his own unerring square  
We shall meet upon the level there but never thence depart  
There's a Mansion-'tis all ready for each trusting, faithful

heart

There's a Mansion and a welcome and a multitude is there  
Who have met upon the level and been tried upon the square.

Let us meet upon the level then while these earthly ties we  
share

And just hope we're there to answer when the roll is called up  
there

As we travel through our lifespan time aids us prepare

To gather up our working tools and part upon the square

So remember all our teachings, that bright fraternal chain

We part upon the square below to meet in heaven again

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