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St Thomas of Canterbury, Whyteleafe

We are sons of light We do not belong to darkness or the night

We are the faithful families, week by week "Whose anniversaries occur about this time"

We are the people of this place, about these doors These pitted wood-block floors, this domed and inner space

Our names are yours, innate with you Sibilant and hollow in the sounding light

Our sorrows echo, edge your tears, tones Home on the heart's signature

As prayer's otherness hymns at the altar And wavering souls look up, lift in light.