

A HOUSE BLESSING

*Bless the corners of this house
And be the lintel blest,
And bless the hearth, and bless the board
And bless each place of rest;*

*And bless the door that opens wide
To strangers as to kin;
And bless each crystal windowpane
That lets the starlight in;*

*And bless the roof-tree overhead
And every sturdy wall;
The peace of God, the peace of man,
The peace of love on all.*

Arthur Guiterman (1871-1943)