

The Little Leper.

2 KINGS v. 13.

“WASH and be clean,” I hear it cried,
And some with joy obey;
While others, fill’d with sinful pride,
Are seen to turn away :
But open, Lord, mine eyes to see
Those precious streams of life in Thee,
In which there’s cleansing e’en for me,
The little leper.

“Wash and be clean :” the words are sweet,
And suited to a child !
And each the offer may repeat
To such as are defiled.
And those who wash, for God are fit ;
The blood ! it cleanses every whit
E’en *me*, if I am wash’d in it,
The little leper.

“Wash and be clean :” the stream is nigh,
I have not far to go,
For though the Lamb of God’s on high,
I have His word below ;
The Bible bids me not refuse
To hear and love the happy news,
That Jesus cleanses and subdues
The little leper.

“Wash and be clean :” ’tis quickly done,
So simple is the way !
One look of faith at God’s dear Son,
Would cleanse, this very day ;
And I, without a spot of sin,
To Paradise might enter in,
And sing His praise who came to win
The little leper.