God Bless You

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I seek in prayer-ful words, dear friend,
My heart's true wish to send you, That you may know that, far or near, My loving thoughts attend you. I cannot find a truer word, Nor better to address you:
Nor song, nor poem have I heard is sweeter than God bless you!
God bless you!  So I've wished you all of brightness

life possesses;  God bless you!  So I've wished you all.
Of brightness life possesses; God bless you!

So I've wished you all Of brightness life possesses;

For can there any joy at all faster

(Slower)
Be yours un-less God bless-es?

For can there any joy at all Be yours un-less God bless-es?

God bless you! So I breathe a charm
Lest grief's dark night oppress you,

For how can sorrow bring you harm

If 'tis God's way to bless you?

And so, "through all thy
days

May shad-ows touch thee nev-er"

But this a-lone,

God bless thee, Then art thou safe for-ev-

Nor song, nor po-em have I
heard Is sweeter than God bless you!

(Slower) (still slower)

God bless you!