

# Solnhofen

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*The Deluge*, J.M.W. Turner, 1805

Orbs of illumination  
In Germany and Britain,  
Sol and Lucius,  
Holy saints,  
You made the West  
A House of Light  
By proclaiming  
The Gospel of Christ.

Now we have cast  
A shade upon it  
By our pride  
And other sins,

And blocked its beams  
From shining forth,  
Filling the rooms  
With darkness,  
Nightmarish acts,  
And vampiric spirits.

Light again for us  
The lamps of Grace,  
And bid the evil geists  
Be gone, that the home  
Of Western kindred  
May be full, once more,  
Of brotherhood, warmth, and mirth

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