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OUR COUNTRY AND HER FLAG.

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We do not hate our enemy—

May God deal gently with us all.

We love our Land; we fight her foe;

We hate his cause, and that must fall.

2.

Our country is a goodly land;

We'll keep her alway whole and hale;

We'll love her, live for her or die;

To fall for her is not to fail.

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Our Flag! The Red shall mean the blood
We gladly pledge; and let the White
Mean purity and solemn truth,
Unsullied justice, sacred right.

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Its Blue, the sea we love to plow,

That laves the heaven-united land,

Between the Old and Older World, From strand, o'er mount and stream, to strand.

5.

The Blue reflects the crowding stars,
Bright union-emblem of the free;
Come, all of ye, and let it wave—
That floating piece of poetry.

6.

Our fathers came and planted fields,

And manly Law, and schools and truth;
They planted Self-Rule, which we'll guard

By word and sword, in age and youth.

7.

Broad freedom came along with them
On History's ever-widening wings.
Our blessing this, our task and toil;
For "arduous are all noble things."

8.

Let never Emp'ror rule this land,

Nor fitful Crowd, nor senseless Pride.

Our Master is our self-made Law;

To him we bow, and none beside.

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Then sing and shout for our free land,

For glorious FREELAND'S victory;

Pray that in turmoil and in peace

FREELAND our land may ever be;

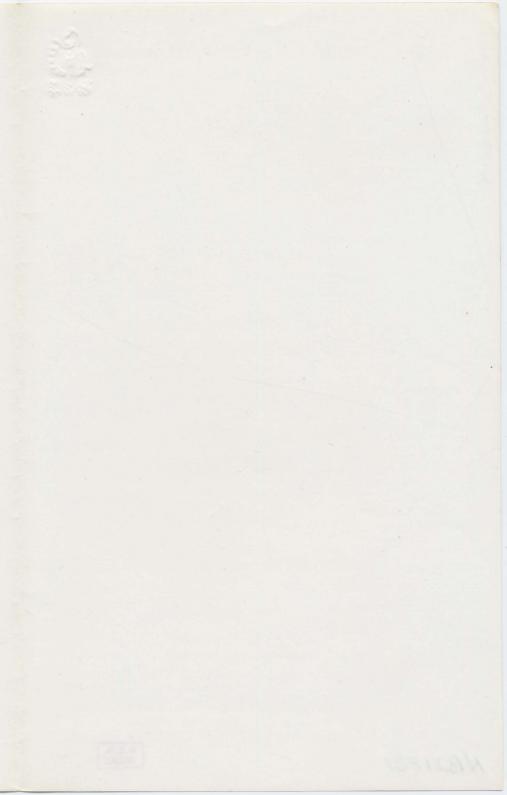
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Or when she rears her granite walls—

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