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"Peace with its luxury is the corrupter of Nations."
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NEW WARS FOR OLD.

Peace! When have we prayed for peace?
Over us burns a star
Bright, beautiful, red for strife!
Yours are only the drum and the fife
And the golden braid and the surface of life!
Ours is the white-hot war!

Peace? When have we prayed for peace?
Ours are the weapons of men!
Time changes the face of the world!
Therefore your ancient flags are furled,
And ours are the unseen legions hurled
Up to the heights again!

Peace! When have we prayed for peace?
Is there no wrong to right?
Wrong crying to God on high
Here where the weak and helpless die,
And the homeless hordes of the city go by,
The ranks are rallied to-night!

Peace? When have we prayed for Peace?
Are ye so dazed with words?
Earth, heaven shall pass away
Ere for your passionless peace we pray!
Are ye deaf to the trumpets that call to-day,
Blind to the blazing swords?

Alfred Noyes.

Winnipeg, Man.

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