Soon as ye seek your couches, soft with the spoils of trade—

See well to your outer trenches before the mines are laid!

"Hear ye a little lesson—can ye the truth divine?

Milk ye may mix with water, and water will mix with wine;

Mix as ye may on your prairies, mix in your hope, and toil,

But know in an your mixing that water won't mix with oil!"

In the dingy dusk of his deerskin tent sat the chief of a dying race,

And the glow of holy prophecy lit up his rugged face,

And the fading light of the setting sun fell far on an eastern land,—

And who shall save the paleface if he will not understand?