

ful of all the spirits that inspire humanity—the spirit of religion—you do things that you would not do for anything else. A week ago I saw a number of brave women in Westbourne Grove, walking along by the side of the road, making themselves into sandwich women for the sake of your movement. I saw the same thing when I was in the Southern Hemisphere, when I saw the Salvation Army lassies doing the same thing, both impelled by the same wonderful force—the force of religion. When I saw in the Albert Hall, where that £15,000 came in, the spirit at that tremendous meeting, I said, 'There is no spirit of patriotism, nothing that can inspire this, save the spirit of religious enthusiasm,' and there I saw the women with their eyes full of enthusiasm, and I knew that the spirit of Joan of Arc was there—that the women there were willing to give their life for this cause that had become their great ideal, and not merely a great ideal, but an ideal so grand that I knew that it was going to cause not merely the emancipation of women, but the resurrection of the race."

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CUSTOM

By Sarah Sellers

I was dreaming,
 And I saw the children,
 The babies from heaven;
 The mothers of the future
 Who will nurse us, and rear us,
 Who will teach us, and guide us;
 Straight from heaven I saw them,
 Beautiful to look on;
 And I heard a voice:
 "Bring the chains, the chains of
 custom."

The chains were golden,
 And fine as a baby's hair,
 And the beautiful children
 Were wound in them.

I was dreaming;
 And I saw the maidens
 Strong and straight,
 With the beauty of youth in their
 faces,

With the promise of years before
 them;
 And I heard a voice:
 "Bring the chains, the chains of
 custom."

And new chains were brought,
 Beautiful and golden;
 And the maidens did not know
 They were chains.

I was dreaming;
 And the mothers stood before me,
 With their children around them;
 And a voice said:
 "Bring the chains, the chains of
 custom."

And the mothers were bound
 With chains not golden,
 And the links held them
 With the strength of years.
 The mothers knew they were chain-
 ed;
 And they looked at their children.

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