These Things Shall Be!

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These things shall be! A loftier race than e'er the world has known shall rise

With flame of freedom in their souls, and light of science in their eyes.

They shall be gentle, brave and strong, to spill no drop of blood, but dare

All that may plant man's lordship firm on earth, and fire, and sea, and air. Nation with nation, land with land, unharmed shall live as comrades free;

In every heart and brain shall throb the pulse of one fraternity.

New arts shall bloom of loftier mold and mightier music thrill the skies,

And every life shall be a song, when all the earth is paradise.

These things—they are no dreams—shall be for happier men when we are gone.

These golden days for them shall dawn transcending aught we gaze upon.