

And through it all our VETERAN toiled  
With earnestness of soul ;  
Gave to the work the best he had,  
No clock-timed, eight-hour dole ;  
For well he knew the task was great,  
And half ne'er won the whole.

Then yield with me the homage due  
To him and to his peers,  
The toil-bent heroes of the past,  
Stern warriors through long years ;  
Their ranks grow thin—with bended head  
Salute we them with tears !

