

L'ENVOI

I've lived with you, I've toiled with you,
Spent lonely homestead years with you,
I've shared your tortures, joys a few,
I know the great big heart of you.

I know the hardships of your life,
That stalwart souls alone can bear;
My lot has been your hopes and fears,
Your all emotions through the year.

My tribute this to those I love,
Phlegmatic friends of ingrate earth,
Who pit against soil's freakish moods
Resolve to give a nation birth.

My love to you, respect to you,
Boundless admiration too;
Seed of this Last Great West, adieu,
I've sought to tell the world of you.