There mighty cities, growth of Ages past,

Ere Roman eagles triumphed o'er their fall,

Now shelter millions in their areas vast,

Yet scarce can give a resting place for all;

Hence the unsatisfied ambitious young,

Leaving the land which erstwhile gave them birth,

Seek out new homes midst every clime and tongue,

Till now they form a girdle round the earth,

And raise the flag their conquering fathers bore

From England's ports to every ocean's shore.