THE VOICE OF THE WESTLAND

I am the voice of the Westland, and I call from the ends of the earth,

Call from my snow-diamond Rockies, call to the land of new birth,

Call o'er the pale blue Pacific, call from Atlanta's cold shores,

Call to my prairies and forests, call to my long cachéd stores;

Come all ye tired and weary, come ye who sink 'neath the yoke,

Come from the lands over-peopled, come from the fetters that choke,

Come from the grime of the workshop, come from a room-stilted air,

Come, all ye workers with dreamings, come to a service that's fair;

Come from the soul-blasting cities, you by your masters oppressed,

Come, all ye downtrod and weary, you will I give wealth and rest;

Come to me, servers of mortals, under my banner enlist,

You will I shape for my serving, moulding you as you resist.

You will I roast in my summers, you will I freeze in my fall,

You will I temper with blizzard, torture you under my thrall,

Shaping your minds and your bodies, forming with stern-gentle hand

Creatures that be not unworthy, elect of my long-promised land.