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The British Empire.

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There once did live a solitary man:
Of him a story's told, and thus it ran:
His neighbors being plundered by a foreign
chief.

He went to help him, having a belief
His foe would pillage his neighbor's all.
And then he'd plunder him in that sad brawl.
Lo! this was only just too true a thought,
And into slavery he was cruelly brought.
But still his yoke was lighter than he deemed,
And just inferiority it seemed.

He soon was freed to be attacked again
And caused to suffer very bitter pain.
And ever and anon some trouble rose,
Against which he fought determined to dispose.

And now the mightiest man on earth he stands,
And homage true from nations he demands.
And now this hero's name I'll tell to you—
Is Britain bold and free and also true.

O this brave isle, the first we hear is said—
To people were all barbarous and bad.
Till the land was free from bondage dread,
Till Caesar waved his sword above its head.

About four hundred years the land was kept
By Rome, during which its warlike spirit slept.
It was then deserted and 'twas ravaged sad,
By Picts and Scots and Anglo-Saxons mad.

And Danes and Normans also dyed the land
With life-blood shed by Britain's little band.
Now Britons, Anglo-Saxons, Normans brave,
By matrimonial ties their land to save.

Have intermingled now to such extent
That they can live quite happy and content.
Since Normandy complete control obtained,
Five fifteen kings, four queens have reigned.

The throne of England brave, which name arose
From Anglo-Saxon source, I do suppose.
While some were very good, I'm sad
To say that some were corresponding bad.

In war, Britain once knew nought but defeat,
But now her prowess is complete.
She has been downcast, hated and despised,
But she has many powerful lands surprised.

She checked the power of dreaded France and Spain,
When they ranked first in the entire domain.
The Dutch she once deprived of their great
pride.

And many rebels by her strength have died,
After the Russian Empire met defeat;
Every continent upon the globe,
She borne the victorious battle-robe.

How long that way she's likely now to be,
I know she's mistress of the land and sea,
And rules about one-sixth of all the world,
Many a foe from life to death she's hurried.

She is a manufacturing state,
Her learning is very high of late.
She's been the home of many writers bold,
Her poet Goldsmith to us these lines have told:

"The time may come when, stripped of all her
arms,
The hand of scholars and the nurse of arms,
Where noble stems transmit the patriot line,
Where kings have toiled and poets wrote for
fame,
No sink of level avarice shall lie,
No scholars, soldiers, kings, unhonored die."

But then 'tis just the gloomy side he shows,
And better things than that 'bout her he knows.
For but for her we never could have been here
In this bright land of happiness and cheer;
And but for her we would have been to-day
Slaves beneath the dreaded Yankee sway.

And many thanks to her, for she did save
From a brave Canadian from the grave.
Long may she rank high in national fame,
And ever bear an honorable name.

My grand success attend her in Soudan;
My Wolsey prove himself an honorable man,
And may he prove an honor to his land,
And let her obey the Queen at her command.

How we love our grand and noble Queen,
How we love our mother land and noble scene,
How may our mother land abide in strength,
And may she conquer all her foes at length.

May she the Russian bear force back again,
From Afghan country bleeding sore in pain.
The low-lived Franks, may she soon disperse
By bayonet points or something much the
worse.

May Britain's subjects till the judgment day,
Her commands love, honor, and obey.
May this bright land ever to her belong,
And may she sing the patriotic song—
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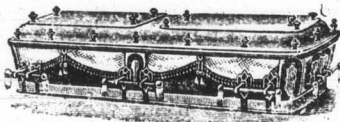
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