

AMERICAN JUBILEE ODE.

NOR as our Empress, do we come to greet thee,

August Victoria,
On this auspicious Jubilee:
Wide as Old England's realms extend,
O'er earth and sea—
Her flag in every clime unturled,
Her morning drum-beat compassing
the world—

Yet here her sway Imperial finds an end,
In our loved land of liberty!

Nor is it as our Queen, for us to hail thee,
Excellent Majesty,

On this auspicious Jubilee:
Long, long ago our patriot fathers broke
The tie which bound us to a foreign yoke,
And made us free:

Subjects then—forward of ourselves alone,
We pay no homage to an earthly throne—
Only to God we bend the knee!

Still, still, to-day and here, thou hast a part,
Illustrious lady,

In every honest Anglo-Saxon heart,
Albeit untrained to notes of loyalty:
As lovers of our old ancestral race—
In reverence for the goodness and the grace
Which lend thy fifty years of Royalty
A monumental glory on the Historic page,
Emblazoning them forever, the Victorian Age

For all the virtue, faith, and fortitude,
The piety and truth,

Which mark thy noble womanhood,
As erst thy golden youth—
We also would do honor to thy name,
Joining our distant voices to the loud acclaim
Which rings o'er earth and sea,
In attestation of the just renown
Thy reign has added to the British Crown!

Meanwhile no swelling sounds of exultation
Can banish from our memory,

On this auspicious Jubilee,
A saintly figure, standing at thy side,
The cherished consort of thy power and pride,
Through weary years the subject of thy tears,
And mourned in every nation—
Whose latest words a wrong to us withstood,
The friend of peace—ALBERT, the Wise and
Good!

ROBT. C. WINTHROP.

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