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## ALMA MATER MCGILL.

BY J. MACDOUGALL.

*(From the McGill College Song Book.)*

Alma Mater, McGill! we will sing to thy praise,  
From the treasures of hearts fond and true,  
For the love in our hearts is awakened by thoughts  
Which the prospects of parting renew.  
The friendships we've formed in thy halls are as dear  
As the casket of memory holds;  
Time never can bring aught more tenderly sweet,  
As the future her secrets unfolds.

Alma Mater, McGill! since we left in our youth  
The loved homes of our earliest years,  
"Where our fathers had warned, our mothers had prayed,  
And our sisters had blessed through their tears"—  
Thou alone wert our parent, the nurse of our souls,  
We were moulded to manhood by thee;  
Till, freighted with treasure, thoughts, friendships and hopes,  
Thou dost launch us on Destiny's sea.

And you who are taking our places we greet  
With warm hearts and sympathies broad,  
We now hail you as brothers pursuing the path  
Which we with such pleasures have trod;  
Be your voices blithe, as you sing the old songs  
That have cheered and blest our College days;  
May our loved Alma Mater yet boast of your worth  
And garland your brows with her bays.