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WHAT DO WE PLANT?

What do we plant when we plant a tree?  
We plant a ship which will cross the sea.  
We plant a mast to carry her sails;  
We plant the planks to withstand rude gales,  
The keel and keelsow, her beam and knee;  
We plant a ship when we plant a tree.

What do we plant when we plant a tree?  
We plant a home for you and me.  
We plant its rafters, its shingles, its floors,  
We plant its studding, its laths and doors,  
Its beam, its roofing, all parts that be;  
We plant a home when we plant a tree.

What do we plant when we plant a tree?  
A thousand joys that we daily see;  
We plant a spire to out-climb the crag,  
We plant a staff for our country's flag,  
We plant cool shade from the hot sun free;  
We plant all these when we plant a tree.

—Henry Abbey.

Winnipeg, Man.

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