

EMPIRE DAY QUOTATIONS

Non Nobis Solum.

To-day where'er on loyal winds
The Empire's flag is blowing,
Methinks perchance as ne'er before
The blazoned cross is showing.

For sacrifice the cross still stands;
The old flag tells its story
That never yet did selfish aim
Blaze out the path to glory.

And they who love—aye, truly love—
That old flag proudly streaming,
Will show that love in service true
And sacrifice, not dreaming.

And they who fight beneath its folds
Will find true love constraineth.
That never act or word of theirs
Its boasted honor staineth.

True Britons! ours a heritage
Long centuries have hoarded;
We dare not risk the nobler gifts
And choose the base and sordid!

We dare not compromise with wrong;
Our lofty standards lower
To do the things we loathe and hate
For selfish gain or power.

Unsullied let the old flag fly!
Still let the Empire's story
Be one of justice, truth and right;
That way alone lies glory!