Fight and in hope, for battle is banned,
The world shall yet rejoice,
For the peoples rise in wrath, to demand
Henceforth no war shall trouble the land
Except at a people's voice.

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BY ORDER OF THE PEOPLE.

For what, in the sight of Heaven, do the young soldiers die-

The flower of France and England—think you they know not why?

On the stormy floods of battle like straws their lives are tost,

That the rule of the just free peoples be not forever lost.

And we, who have wrought our freedom, see we no sign, no light?

Shall the reek of carnage blind us to the white star of right?

Where are the souls of our fathers, full-statured men, who saw

That Christ, who died for the people, had left to the world a Law?