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*Addressed to the Right Honorable W. E. Gladstone on the commencement of the Franco-German war.*

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Pilot, some say thou art afraid to steer  
    Britannia's barque amid this vexed sea,  
Heed not the envious taunt, malignant jeer,  
    Thy country knows thy worth and trusteth  
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From courts polite, where courtesy profuse  
    But veil'd the rancor of their mutual hate,  
In maniac form war's demon is let loose,  
    Nature's fair breast again to desolate.

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And if the foul contagion spread its breath  
    O'er States where fear or avarice hath pow'r,