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I PROTEST

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

To sit in silence when we should protest
Makes cowards of men. The human race
Has climbed on protest. Had no voice
been raised

Against injustice, ignorance, and lust,
The inquisition yet would serve the law,
And guillotines decide our least disputes.
The few who dare must speak and speak
again

To right the wrongs of many. Speech,
thank God,

No vested power in this great day and land
Can gag or throttle. Press and voice may
cry

Loud disapproval of existing ills;
May criticize oppression and condemn
The lawlessness of wealth-producing laws
That let the children and childbearers toll
To purchase ease for idle millionaires.
Therefore, I do protest against the boast
Of independence in this mighty land.

Call no chain strong which holds one rusty
link,

Call no land free that holds one fettered
slave,

Until the manacled slim wrists of babes
Are loosed to toss in childish sport and
glee;

Until the mother bears no burden, save
The precious one beneath her heart, until
God's soil is rescued from the clutch of
greed

And given back to labor, let no man
Call this the land of freedom.

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