L'ENVOI

And now to you whose story I have vainly tried to tell,

With lisping tongue and faltering pen, wherever you may dwell,

O'ershadowed by the Southern Cross, or camping in the wild,

The fellows who the city's rush and cares have ne'er defiled.

In weary lands I've seemed to roam again as yesterday, And pierced the shadowed silence of the fallen in the fray.

O'er coulee, camp and mountain trail, I've dreamed with strange delight

And known again the wilderness, the hunger and the night.

You've known the luring of the East, the Himalayan Height,

Yon've known the revered Gold Coast, or the mystic Northern Lights.

You've played the game without the gain, but love the tie that binds,

The God above, the loneliness, ye makers of the lines.