The scent of clover filled the air; the birds were on the wing;

And, in the daisy meadows, fresh, the larks did blithely sing.

I felt the press of the cool grass upon my burning feet,

And I heard the children's voices ring up the village street.

The music of the old school-bell stole on the morning breeze,

And children of the long ago played 'neath the maple trees.

Where were the hearts that throbbed with mine in those white hours of peace?

Where were the voices that joined in our youthful ... hapsodies?

And the little barefoot children? Had they, too, wandered far

Adown life's cold and stony way, far from their native star?

Had they, too, felt the stress and storm of raging battle life,

Or had they wandered peacefully far from the sound of strife?

I wonder did their tired hearts oft break, like mine, with love

For the green hills of Canada and the sun-kissed skies above?