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To guard and build, to found our empire wide ;
O'er lake and plain and lofty peak to stride ;
To grasp the hand of brothers found apart,
And form one household of one mind and heart ;
To spread true Freedom on each wind that blows,
And make the desert blossom as the rose ;
From north to south, from east to west to be
Offspring of England's Law and Liberty !
Behold ! the task our fathers had begun,
Through toil and strife and dangers nobly run,
Behold ! the task, the glorious task is done !

