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The following are three of the many poems that have been written to Catherine Breshkovsky:

BRESHKOVSKAYA

BY ELSA BARKER

(From the *New York Times*)

How narrow seems the round of ladies' lives
And ladies' duties in their smiling world,
The day this Titan woman, gray with years,
Goes out across the void to prove her soul!
Brief are the pains of motherhood, that end
In motherhood's long joy; but she has borne
The age-long travail of a cause that lies
Still-born at last on History's cold lap.
And yet she rests not; yet she will not drink
The cup of peace held to her parching lips
By smug Dishonor's hand. Nay, forth she fares,
Old and alone, on exile's rocky road —
That well-worn road with snows incarnadined
By blood drops from her feet long years ago.
Mother of power, my soul goes out to you
As a strong swimmer goes to meet the sea