TEN THOUSAND MEN STOOD BY!

- With our good ship, the Brotherhood, which sails along the way
- To ports "Prosperity" and "Peace," undaunted by dismay—
- Ports where the worthy sons of toil in justice will receive
- Full recompense for honest work—where men in man believe.
- Where crafty money kings will learn that Labor has its rights,
- For what we've got and what we've won have cost us bitter fights—
- And ah! the bitterness, the grief, the sacrifices, too,
- Engendered, shared, and made by those in overalls of blue,
- In order that full justice might be done to those who toil
- By day and night, long weary hours, besmirched with grease and oil—
- And think! ten thousand men stood by while others paved the way
- To victory by contributions from their daily pay!
- For years, perhaps, these men have shared the fruits of Labor's fights—
- Just took what others earned for them—enjoying equal rights,
- Without the contribution of a cent—without a thought
- Of what they owed the Brotherhood—no, these men never sought