

With nought but pride and plunder in their view,  
 Dealing in war and blood to our disgrace,  
 That if the Queen would seek a higher place  
 In public estimation, she would pay,  
 Out of her glutted store, cost what it may,  
 The full expenses 'twill take to celebrate  
 This greeted jubilee in pomp and state,  
 They ask, what has she done for all we've paid ?  
 And boldly say she has our progress stayed,  
 That we've paid her for fifty years a sum,  
 If added would to *fifty millions* come,  
 That if she would but some of this restore,  
 To help the thousands here whose need is sore,  
 The act would best commemorate her reign,  
 And hush much suffering that might loud complain,  
 And into many an eye a tear might start,  
 When known she had a conscience and a heart,  
 Poor fools ! to dream that one so great and proud,  
 Should heed the mutterings of their thunder cloud,  
 Each farthing of this fresh expense we'll pay,  
 Though paupers starve around us ev'ry day,  
 To keep this jubilee will do much good,  
 And for the poor almost as good as food,  
 And better for the nation in these days,  
 When 'tis too plain that loyalty decays  
 When some say common sense must soon prevail,  
 And all regard for regal rule grow stale,  
 Let us "shut up" each croaker that appears,  
 By giving for the Queen three lusty cheers,  
 And loudly cry, Britannia rules the waves,  
 And Britons never, never, never shall be slaves,  
 And every well paid placemen will of course,  
 Shout out "God save the Queen," till he is hoarse.\*

\*Among the thousand and one schemes got up by unreflecting and exuberant loyalists and otherwise, for the celebration of the Queen's jubilee none can approach in utter absurdity that suggested by an obsequious devotee in England. A New York paper says : " A religious paper of England, the *Christian Million* has just come forward with a proposal for the Queen's subjects to give that lady a jubilee present of a bible, the lettering of which will be entirely formed of jewels ! The cost will be only £3,586,489, which can easily be subscribed by each person over whom the Queen graciously condescends to reign contributing *three pence*. The *Christian Socialist* calls the editor of the *Christian Million*, the "Supreme Flunk-y." Just think of it ! In order to get up a magnificent bible for Queen Victoria, the lettering of which is to be entirely formed of *jewels*, a large majority of the people of England—the poorer classes, thousands of whom are utterly wretched, ragged and destitute—are to be asked to stint themselves still further in order to raise nearly eighteen millions of dollars (\$18,000,000) but to bestow *three pence* each (which she could easily afford) to the thousands of her hungry "subject" who have not so much to buy a needed meal, she would be only simply doing what she ought to have done from time to time long, long ago. When is common sense to rule the world ?