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Queen Victoria's Jubilee.

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In this thy year of gladsome jubilee,
Millions of most happy people greet thee
Than Empress more! great Queen of British
hearts!

Nor Empress less, thy liberal sway imparts
Each gift to mortals dear, Britannia's pride,
Sweet liberty and o'er the empire wide
Each kindred bcon the laws of freedom guard,
Peace, plenty, happiness our high reward!

Spread'st thou the constitution's mantle grand
O'er countless tribes; in ev'ry well known land,
Is heard thy praise for noblest freedom won
And light that radiates from thy glorious
throne,

† *Shop-keeping insulars!* 'Twas said *avant!*
Thus could the Southron blind the Briton
taunt.

Counts he not less his ever boundless store,
While fleets invincible protect each shore,
And far beyond his much loved native strand
O'er ocean wide can surest peace command.

The arts of peace his pride, the glowing sword,
Becomes a toiling plough-share at his word.
Think not, meanwhile, his day of might is o'er;
If need arose, each foe would feel his power,

What was so late, may, threatening, come
anew*

Come when it will, no fear he ever knew,
The foe that could engage allies to save;
Vast proof of power Britannia promptly gave.
To ward off direst danger from her own
Would less of warlike strength in need be
shewn?

The Briton *sleeps or keeps his shop*; beware!
Arouse him barb'rous foemen, if you dare.

In Canada, thanks to the glorious light
That reigns o'er many lands so grandly bright,
With rapture 'mid our forests haste we raise
Like Britons true, the loyal song of praise.
Long were we lost in darkest gloom of night;
There dawned at length, the morn of freedom's
light,

With Baldwin's and Lafontaine's rule our guide
We found our place secure by Britain's side,
This fortune grand will evermore remain
While great VICTORIA'S fleet shall rule the
main.

† Allusion to Napoleons' "*shop-keeping nation*"
and Montalambert's "*superbes insulaires.*"

* According to recent accounts from India
the eminent Viceroy was sending troops in the
direction of Afghanistan in order to meet a too
probable enemy.