

3. What the Empire must stand for.

4. Britain's present opportunity, and particularly Canada's opportunity.

5. Britain's share in protection, enlightenment, missionary effort.

Summary.

Each individual developed.

Each community friendly.

Each dominion flourishing.

The Empire united.

The Empire leading the world.

Hymn of Empire

Lord of our fathers, Thou didst blend
Of divers strains our stubborn race;
Thou, at the old world's wind-swept
end,

Did'st plant us in our sea-girt place.
To learn chill rigor from the drift;
Grim patience from the warring
wave;

Thou mad'st us swift as winds are swift,
And brave as rocks and sea are brave.

Then as we fared in straitened ways
Thou did'st outpour us—bad'st us
roam,

That we might claim the tropic rays,
And call the ice-bound ocean home.
Like seed we fell, like seed we sprang,
Till half the world, wher'er we rose,
With Britain's joys and sorrows rang,
And Freedom's foes were Britain's
foes.

Lord God, before Thy feet we bow;
We cast our pomps our trophies down.
Uphold us, lest Thy wrathful brow
Upon our faithless purpose frown.
In peace to win our destined path,
Beyond the waste, across the tide;
Grant us the courage, not the wrath,
The calm of strength, and not its
pride.

This be our prayer—to guard, to guide
Beneath the shelter of Thy throne,
Whatever realms Thou dost provide,
Whatever heart Thou mak'st our
own;

Not for our frequent falls to grieve,
But turn our prayers, our hopes above
There, where the great prow passed,
to leave

The golden ripple of Thy love.

—Arthur Christopher Benson