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The Birth and Growth

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Soul



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Dedicated

to

Woodrow Wilson

President of the United States

whose sublime influence over the world

inspired

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Angel voices echoing nigh
Vibrate from the azure sky;
Floating soft o'er field and grove,
Spread sweet thoughts of Hope and Love.

Nature now responsive feels
To the joy that gently steals
O'er her bosom; and that hour
Was conceived a man of power.

Breath of flowers through the air
Wafted incense for a prayer;
Babbling brook and zephyred breeze,
Murmuring pines and honeyed bees
Chanted forth a lightsome strain,
Soft as billows o'er the main.
Thoughts of things all Heavenly born
Greeted him at early morn;
Sheltered him at even-tide,—
Kept good angels at his side.

Glint of sun-gold gilding seas,
Scent of flowers enmeshing breeze,
In forest glade and valleys deep
To snowy heights where voilets sleep—
Shoreland scenes near ocean's roll—
Stirred the Muse within his soul.

Sheen of silvery, summer sea,
Glint of sun-gold o'er the lea,
Dew-drops silvery, pearly, glistening
In the gray dawn's early christening,—
Radiant torches these, of TRUTH,
Spake God's wonders in his youth.

And the thunder's mighty roar,
Wild waves dancing on the shore,
Murmurings of the mighty sea,—
Voiced these truths for Eternity.

Morning scent of sun-kissed flowers,
Freshness of the noon-day showers,
Gleam of stars o'er moonlit sea,
Bathed his soul in HARMONY.

Thus environed grew the soul
Into one harmonious whole;
Thus the soul of WILSON grew,
God-environed, kept him true.

Everywhere Dame Nature's choir
Mingled voices to inspire
Lofty thoughts of earth and man
And the Wisdom of God's plan.

Daily through each changing season
Harmony developed Reason;
(Through math'matics music flows,
Harmony with Reason grows.)

With each bounteous element
Power Divine to him was sent;
Summer suns and winter showers
Saw his mind unfold great powers.

Spring gave HOPE and LOVE and TRUTH,
Guiding him in early youth;
Summer suns sweet PEACE instilled,
And his heart with MERCY filled;
MORAL COURAGE, Autumn brought,—
Thus were deeds for FREEDOM wrought;
Winter—JUSTICE,—manhood strong;
All one joyous, grand, sweet song.

From the Rainbow, multi-hued,
Thoughts of Heaven were imbued,—
God-sent promises, secure—
FAITH forever to endure.

The planets, faithful in their course
The sun-beam's and the rain-drop's source,—
His mind beheld with reverent awe,
As WISDOM in God's plan he saw.

Lands productive, folks at ease,
Hymns resounding in the breeze,
Voiced sweet PEACE, where he gave Praise
For the Goodness of God's ways.

So we find him noble, good,
Tender as true womanhood;
Strong as all good men must be—
Strong to keep God's Country free;
In the Halls of Learning, too,
Knowledge gained, both old and new,
Nurtured by his MORAL FORCE,
Vibrant grew into LIFE'S course!

In the GOVERNMENTAL SEAT,
True DEMOCRACY we greet;
In God's noblest work, the plan;
There we find an honest MAN.

There his work made manifest
All things grandest, noblest, best;
With the Nation, heart and soul,
Working faithful to the goal.

In pulsing waves from Europe's shore,
He sensed the heart-throes ignorance bore;
He drew the mantle dark away,
And let the LIGHT of JUSTICE play
'Round eager hearts for FREEDOM'S day.

Sensitized to Higher things,
A Symphony within him sings:
A Universal Brotherhood—
A world united,—just and good.

Soft-toned, sweet as silver lute,
Or as free-toned fife or flute,
Is, to him, the voice of bird,
Flitting where free fancy stirred.
Sweeter far, the heart of child,
Holy, pure and undefiled;

So his heart, in adoration,
Fathered children of each Nation;
Guided well the SHIP of STATE;
Love encouraged, buried hate;
Saved the World from fearful fate,
(Who can all this estimate?)

Thus it is the World rejoices,
And the Universal voices
Offer up a song of PRAISE
For the greatness of his ways.

(L'envoi)

O simple heart! O master mind!
Power of Law and Love combined.
Grandeur—of Wisdom! Justice! Law!
JUSTICE, for Nations wrapt in awe.

O man of the hour, in this wide world!
With FREEDOM'S Flag o'er the earth unfurled!
One virtue here we would recall;
Thy matchless Modesty through all.

O faithful heart! O marvel mind!
True guiding thought for humankind,
Though leading, serving,—none excel:
Accept our Crown,—hearts' Immortelle.

God prosper thee alway,—the while
Blest by a woman's happy smile.

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