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They beckon you forth a wide space,  
To a lifted and far-shining goal,  
To a new federation of races  
And a fatherland fit for the soul  
Sam Miller 1922

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To

My Brother and Sister

CLARENCE AND ETHEL FOSS

*Ah, let us rest beneath the trees,  
Nor seek with an adventurous prow  
The magic isles of distant seas,  
But sing the Songs of Here and Now.  
The world has long been sailed around,  
And El Dorado's still unfound ;  
The quest is vain on many seas  
For apples of Hesperides ;  
And in no land of woods and flowers  
Doth Norumbega lift its towers ;  
And in the sunset-mantled west  
There are no Islands of the Blest,  
But there is magic in the near,  
And beauty blooms on every bough ;  
And there are Hesper islands here,  
And there are El Dorados now.*

*The seas are wide the swift ships plough,  
And long is the Platonic year ;  
But all the best of time is now,  
And all the best of space is here.  
A trace of Eden still must be  
Where blooms a rose or grows a tree ;  
And Paphian glories wander by  
The man who gazes on the sky ;  
The Isles of Peace, the Seats of Rest,  
Are not in islands of the west ;  
The Golden Age that knew no tears  
Is not within the vanished years ;  
Not far the Golden Age, but near ;  
Fate's fruit is on the nearest bough, —  
So sing the Songs of Now and Here,  
The brave, glad Songs of Here and Now.*

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