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Tam's two guns flamed for four seconds and then the German dropped straight for earth See page 187

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To

QUENTIN ROOSEVELT

AND ALL AIRMEN, FRIEND AND FOE ALIKE, WHO HAVE FALLEN IN CLEAN FIGHTING

The world was a puddle of gloom and of shadowy things, He sped till the red and the gold of invisible day Was burnish and flames to the undermost spread of his wings, So he outlighted the stars as he poised in the grey.

Nearer was he to the knowledge and splendour of God,
Mysteries sealed from the ken of the ancient and wise—
Beauties forbidden to those who are one with the clod—
All that there was of the Truth was revealed to his eyes.

Flickers of fire from the void and the whistle of death, Clouds that snapped blackly beneath him, above and beside.

Watch him, serene and uncaring—holding your breath, Fearing his peril and all that may come of his pride.

Now he was swooped to the world like a bird to his nest, Now is the drone of his coming the roaring of hell, Now with a splutter and crash are the engines at rest— All's well!

E. W.

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