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TO RANDOLPH BOURNE

Brave American,
Lover of our country!
Throbbing with its best and developed traditions of
liberty;
Carrying liberty's torch to the innermost recesses of the
caverns of selfhood,
And discovering in advance of thy kinsmen
The secrets of the free society of the future;
We salute thee now!

You saw with quick and bated emotion
The faint light of the first beacon signal
For a new fight for freedom — for freedom too pure to
bear adjective dilutions —
On that hill far away,
Where thy frail body could hardly carry thee,
But where thy mind and all thy quick pure spirit rushed
to be;
In the land of hope and regeneration —
Russia, the despised; hated for its youth
By all the old tyrants, Things-as-They-Are;
As, in a measure — calling thee small and un-
American —
They hated and hounded thee —
Even to thy Death!

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INTRODUCTORY