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The Gun is God

The God of the world of the haughty moderns,
The holy Christ of atoned earth's saints,
Is the ardent gun that belches killing,
Exploding shell in a thousand brains.

Love is cold as the glacial ice
Of the ages that polished the anchored rocks;
Heart is dead as the plague-marred corpse,
Or mummy parched at the source of Time.

Hate is Lord of the white man's virtues,
Death the sceptre and crown thereof;
Beg for life, ye weak, and listen:
Swish of sword is Law of Love.

The Path to Slavery

In this somber moment craven
We are drifting to our fate,
While the seeds of ancient leaven
Blossom to the glare of hate.
We who were a noble nation,
Born upon a purer plane
Than the ruffians of creation,
Whom we imitate for gain!
Vaunting wildly mad excuses,
Maniacal rage for war;
Lifting high the old abuses
On the clotted base of gore.
Trade debauches with a war force
That will strike our freedom low!
Harnessing us in a war course
Homeward sure to turn the blow!

For the solemn law is written
On the burning mist of time—
'By your hand you shall be smitten,
You shall die of greedy crime.
If you wed with spoliation,
Consort with the battle fiend,
You will meet the pent damnation,
From your pinnacle bemeaned.
Darling armies will enslave you,
Trail your liberties in dust,
Cursed trade of war deprave you,
Democratic virtues rust.'

Pause then ere the curse is spoken,
Bind the antic folly down:
Never freedom can be broken
Save by military crown.