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“HOW SHALL WE RISE TO GREET
THE DAWN?”

How shall we rise to greet the dawn ?
Not timidly,
With a hand above our eyes,
But greet the strong light
Joyfully ;
Nor will we mistake the dawn
For the mid-day.

We must create and fashion a new God—
A God of power, of beauty, and of strength—
Created painfully, cruelly,
Labouring from the revulsion of men's minds.

It is not that the money-changers
Ply their trade
Within the sacred places ;
But that the old God
Has made the Stock Exchange his Temple.
We must drive him from it.
Why should we tinker with clay feet ?
We will fashion
A perfect unity
Of precious metals.