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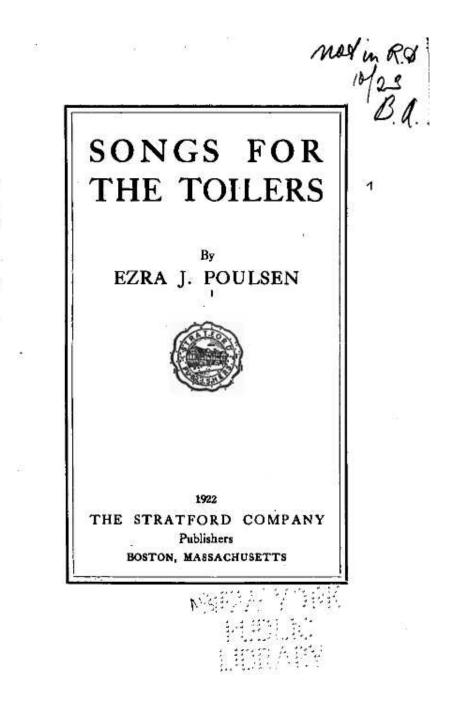
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The Pioneers

OME, let me tell you the wonderful story, Fraught with pictures of hardship and daring,

Of the men and the women of iron

Whose deeds are gilded with glory;

How they conquered the majestic Westland

By the strength of their brawn and their brain,

Crossing the plains, the mountains, and turbulent rivers.

A fearless and happy band.

They were the vanguard of progress;

They laid the foundations of state;

There was a strength in the plan of their building

That conquered the desert and opened the mountain recess.

Forth from the marts of civilization,

They came with a sturdy purpose;

For the tinsel of luxury they cared not;

They sought for the gold of creation.

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