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Man with his burning soul
Has but an hour of breath
To build a ship of truth
In which his soul may sail—
Sail on the sea of death,
For death takes toll
Of beauty, courage, youth,
Of all but truth. . . .

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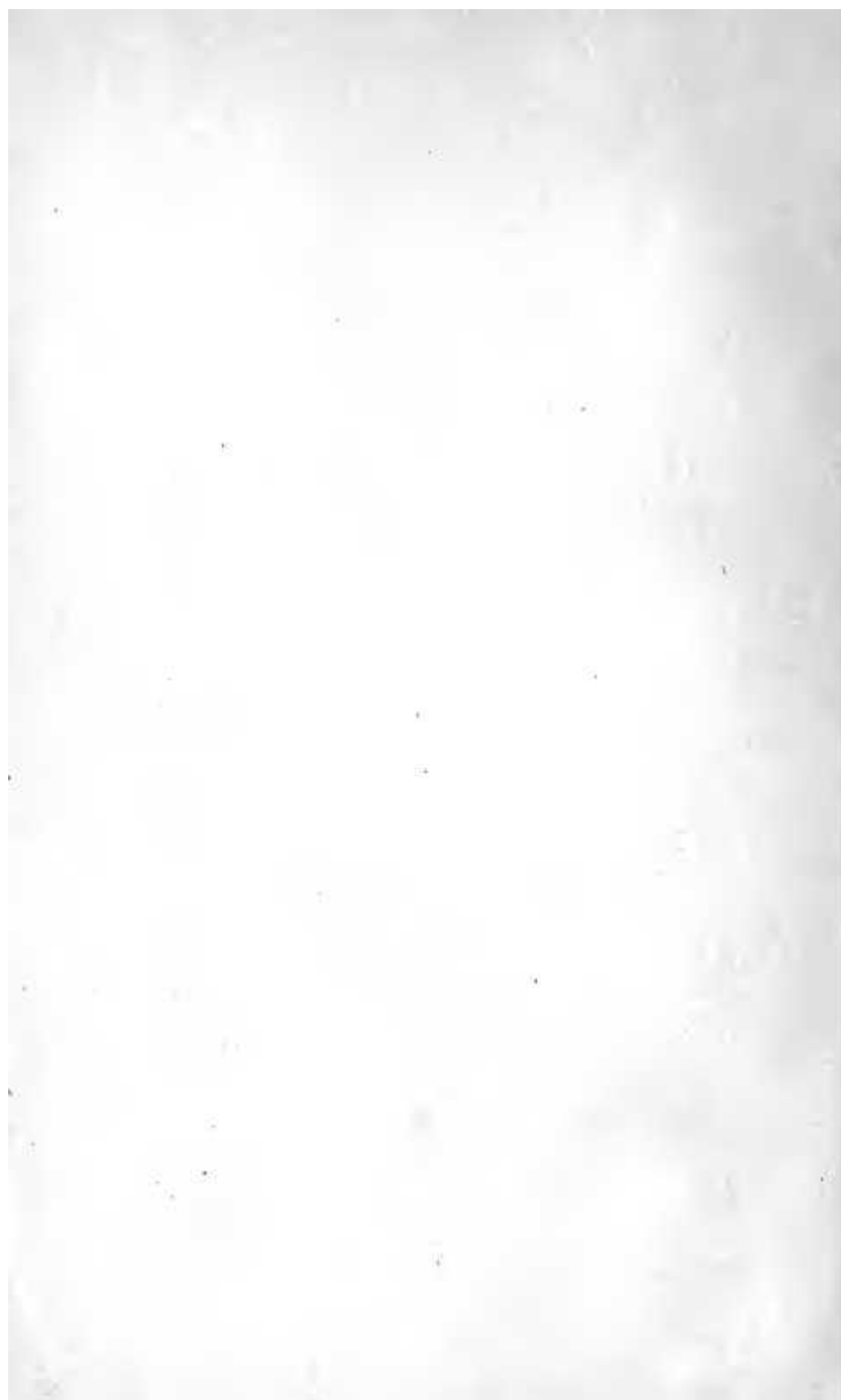
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“HIS brother-officers could not speak too highly of his capacity as a leader, of his charm as a companion, and of all those splendid qualities of his which made him the leading spirit of his mess and the idol of his men. He loved his men, and they loved him, and his invincible optimism carried him safely through those dark hours of danger and discomfort which set weaker men grumbling and despairing. It is no exaggeration to say that officers and men adored him.

No one more willingly gave up a life of noble promise to a call which he felt was sacred. He thought that in the war there was an inspiration to call men from ‘poverty of outlook’ (his own expression), and to direct all their energies into the maintenance of a supremely righteous cause.

With all his radiant enjoyment of this world, and his artistic temperament, which found fit expression in a lovely voice, as well as in painting and spirited writing, full of ease, force, and grace, the vision of the highest never left him. The spiritual element in his nature was far the strongest, and the life of Christ was always before him as the one great example.

He was happy in the circumstances of his death. For he had a peculiar love of France, and the spirit of comradeship in the Army realised his ideal of the brotherhood of man, as a life of sacrifice and adventure appealed to the truest instincts of his being.”—*The Times*, December 8th, 1917.



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