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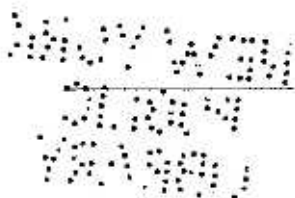
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Go, little book, into the world, and say
Thou comest from one, fearless in freedom's cause ;
Who, bending not to censure or applause,
Did send thee hopefully upon thy way ;
Say, that thou springest fresh from his warm heart,
And art not tricked in flaunting rhythm, to please
The leaden ear of idleness or ease,
But wert designed to act a nobler part ;
And if some kindly, sympathizing breast
Finds aught in thee to cherish, or to love,
Oh ! may'st thou by thy soothing presence prove
To it a benison of joy and rest :
So shalt thou win sweet solace and delight,
For him, who sent thee on thine earnest fight.

ODE TO AMERICA.

