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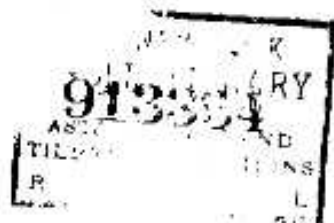
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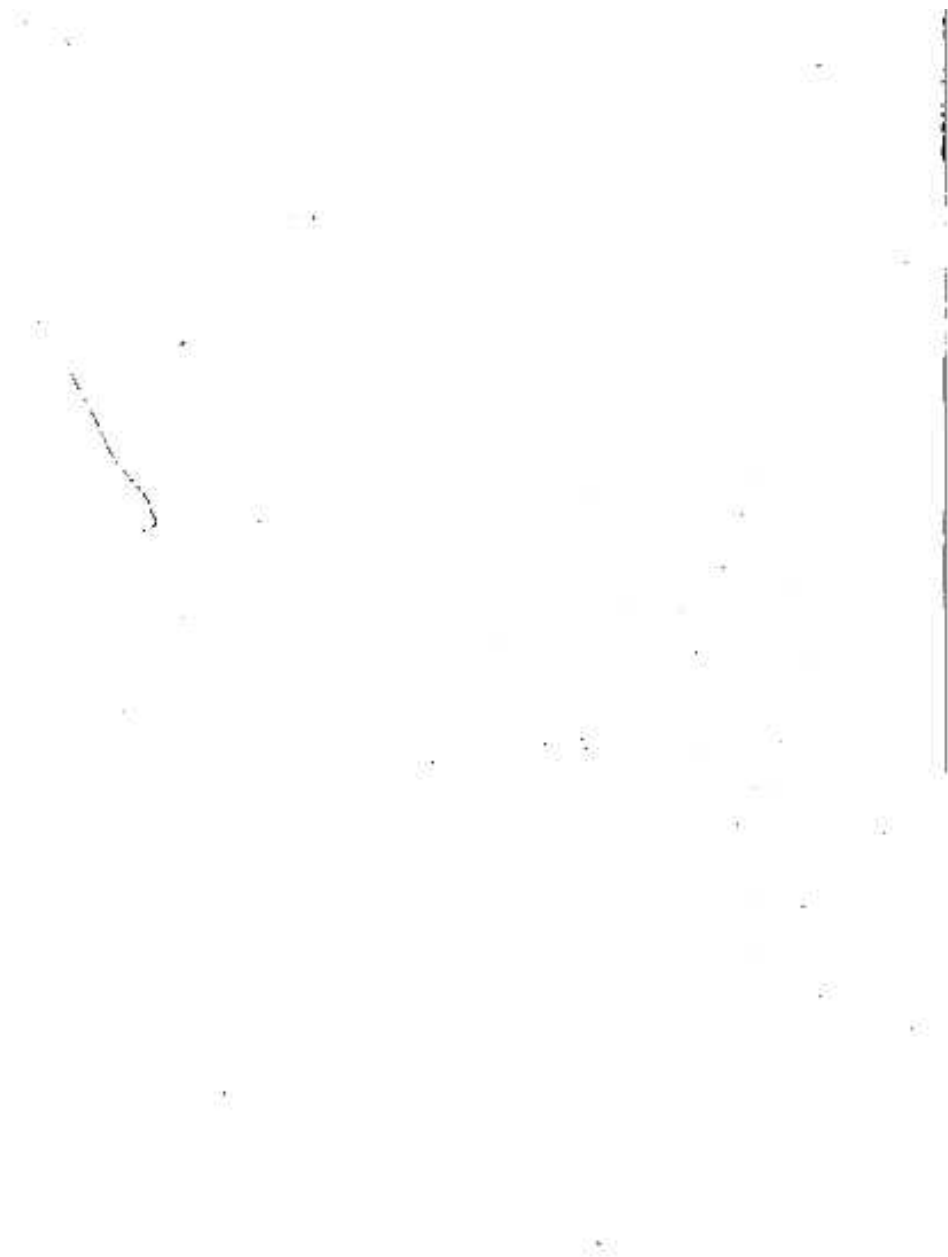
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### Foreword

DURING the tense years from 1914 to 1918 many men and women who had been quite contented to be pedestrians moving to the time of a steady and dependable prose, found themselves tempted to try the wings of verse. Some men found the old lyric impulse of college days returning and bent their words to unaccustomed measures. The verses which follow came from such a motive, and the only reason for their appearance in this form is that they have served some sort of purpose in aiding in the mobilization of the invisible resources of the people as they have been published in periodicals on both sides of the Atlantic, and a good many people both in England and America have asked for them.

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## Flying Over London

(Written October 2, 1918, after a flight over  
London in a British warplane.)

THE mighty whirling horses of the car  
Plunged madly through the highways of the  
sky,

Like homesick meteors from some far star,  
Scorning the world and its low destiny,  
Whom some kind god had given wings to  
fly  
Back to their planet's distant mystery.

The winds reached out great leaping arms of  
power,

Strong in their ancient heritage of might,  
But bent like abject slaves that shake and  
cower

In sudden shattering and unmanly fright,  
When there uncoils in hissing serpent's spite  
The menace of the lash above their fearful  
sight.

The earth sends forth its clutching hands of  
force

Which held men chained below in all the  
years;

The car climbs upward in its regal course  
Among high-flying birds, its only peers.