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THE SOUTHERN CROSS

YE nations born of Britain,
Behold your royal sign !
Gold on black velvet written
In skies below the Line,
Like taper-shrine of Mary,
Like shield of seraph-host ;
For each in turn
Those bright points burn
By continent and coast.
One star for snow and prairie,
One for the island-home ;
One for the belt
Of bush and veld,
One for the Barrier foam.