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To Henry George.

Clear voice, far sounding over tongues confused,

Prophetic voice, untroubled by dissent,
Thou bringest balm to Labor, sick and bruised,
Dumb to Poverty, thou makest eloquent.

A seer art thou, unto the People lent
To save declining hope from with'ring blight,
To raise the fainting head of faith abused,
To proclaim the triumph of eternal Right.

Thy pen is guided by sweet Reason's hand;
Peace holds the lamp, thy manuscript to light;
Yet is thy word a lance, thy truth a brand;
Thou wouldst indeed redeem the holy Land!
Justice in armor, gains not dowering might, —
George and the Dragon ever more do fight.

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