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THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

By Charles P. Simonton

Dedicated to President Woodrow Wilson, the Father
of World Peace and Democracy.

A gorgeous dawn, or sunset grand,
In cloudless sky we ne'er discern.
Sun-kissed, the clouds, like Glory-land,
In iridescent beauty burn.

'Tis when Life's setting sun is low
That shades of deeds forgotten rise;
So live that in thy sunset glow,
Deeds beautiful greet dreaming eyes.

Thrice glorious Peace in Freedom's hue,
Who smiles away the clouds of war,
In Freedom's red and white and blue,
Humanity's blest servitor.

Columbia! Thy glorious son
Now floods the world with Freedom's light;
E'en from the darkened land of Hun
Forever drives away the night.

"Somewhere in France," in glory sleep,
Columbia's sons, who gladly died,—
Victorious millions vigil keep—
That peace and freedom reign world-wide.

In eastern sky fore'er shall reign
The star of Bethlehem again,
While angels sing the glad refrain
Of "Peace on earth; good will to men."

Covington, Tenn., Nov. 8, 1918.