

Peace, the Perfect Word

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1. Peace! The per - fect word is sound - ing,
2. Toil - ing cen - tu - ries have strug - gled
3. All the old for - lorn lost caus - es,
4. All the hopes of sub - ject peo - ples,

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Like a u - ni - ver - sal hymn,
Up - ward on a ston - y way
Eve - ry fair for - bid - den dream,
All the dreams of the op - pressed,

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Un - der o - ceans, o - ver moun - tains,
Just to set the torch of free - dom
And the proph - et's hope - less vi - sion,
Must be ours, our hopes, our vi - sions.

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To the ~~Reeds~~ re - mot - est rim.
Where it flames a - loft to - day.
And the po - et's flit - ting gleam.
We can nev - er stay or rest.