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THE LADY OF THE LAND
AIR – “YE MARINERS OF ENGLAND”

Ye Freemen of our Borough,
Come forth in Freedom's cause,
And rally round the BANNER BLUE,
That wins you Freedom's laws!
O stand not there unheeding still,
But lend the faithful hand;
And be true
To your BLUE,
And the Lady of the Land!
O follow, in her onward way,
The Lady of the Land!

A wall is on our mountains –
In all our starving isles,
And stark and ghastly are the orbs,
Once bright with woman's smiles.
The Famine there – the Fever here –
Their death-fraught wings expand,
So, be true
To your BLUE,
And the Lady of the Land!
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There's darkness in the cottage –
There's darkness at our doors –
A darkness more than palpable,
O'er clouds Britannia's shores.
Away – away – this Ignorance!
It cannot – shall not stand!
So, be true
To your BLUE,
And the Lady of the Land.
O follow, in her onward way,
The Lady of the Land!

Go, speed the march of Knowledge;
For Knowledge rules by peace:
Beneath the reign of Ignorance,
Shall discord never cease.
Go, pour the light of Knowledge forth,
And Peace shall bring you more
Than the flash
And the crash,

And the booming cannon's roar, -
Than the widow'd hearts that break to hear
The booming cannon's roar!

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