An International Anthem—Britain and America

Tune: “My Country, ’Tis of Thee,” and “God Save the King”

Maestoso.

Two Empires by the Sea,
Two Nations great and free
One Anthem raise.

One race of ancient fame,
One tongue, one faith we claim,
One God, whose glorious name
We love and praise.

II.

What deeds our fathers wrought,
What battles we have fought,
Let Fame record.

Now vengeful passion cease,
Come victories of Peace,
Nor Hate nor Pride’s caprice
Unsheath the sword.

III.

Though deep the sea and wide,
Twixt realm and realm its tide
Binds strand to strand.

So be the gulf between
Gray coasts and islands green
With bonds of Peace serene
And Friendship spanned.

IV.

Now, may the God above
Guard the dear lands we love,
Both East and West.

Let love more fervent glow,
As peaceful ages go,
And strength yet stronger grow,
Blessing the blest.

The words of the International Anthem were written by Charles Huntington and were first sung to music composed by Mrs. Hattie Lambert Wallenstein at a dinner given by the American Peace and Arbitration League in honor of President Taft, at Sherry’s, Feb. 22, 1913. Mrs. Wallenstein dedicated her music to Andrew Carnegie.

Soon after the great war began in 1914 the anthem was heard in St. Paul’s Cathedral, London, to the tune of “My Country, ’Tis of Thee,” and “God Save the King.” Unlike those two songs, it has no chorus.

Major Gen. J. F. Bell, commanding the national army cantonment at Camp Upton, L. I., called attention to the anthem in a letter published in The New York Times last Monday morning. He recommended the singing of the song at public gatherings as a means of encouraging the cordial relations between the United States and Great Britain.