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Rouse, rouse, Hispania’s sons rouse!
To arms, ye brave! to arms, to arms;
Lo! Liberty her banners waves;
Your country calls with loud alarms;
“War, war, war, ye Heroes, war!”
Oh! hear her voice, she points to Fame,
Who hails the brave with loud acclaim;
O! hear her voice, she points to glory
To enroll your names in endless story.

See, see, ye Sons of Spain, O, see,
Your bomes, your fields, your native land
Pillag’d, laid waste, immers’d on gore,
By an ungrateful Coward’s band;
Revenge, revenge, ye Brave, revenge!
O! to a shameful foreign sway
Your Country can you yield a prey!
O! can you to such degradation
Yield honour’s land, and valour’s station?

No, no, ye true-born Spaniards, no;
Ye, who of old the Eagle’s flight
Oft stopp’d, when wing’d by lightning force
In all high Rome’s imperial might.
No, no, ye cannot crouch, no, no!
Ye, who the valiant Moors expell’d,
Who the world’s rights so late upheld,
And broke the mighty Victor’s power;
O! to the feeble can ye cower?

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Oh, born to glory, heirs of fame,
Hear Liberty’s, hear Honour’s call;
Your Country claims — Oh, ‘tis her due —
She claims the false invader’s fall.
From each deep weltering wound she cries —
A foreign hypocrite’s control?
No, nobly to the fight descending —
Oh, live, or die, your rights defending.”

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