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Genius of Britain's splendid fame,
Inspire the Muse whose patriot strain
Sings what should raise the British name
A height proud Rome could ne'er attain.

High favour'd Albion, great and free,
Shield from Oppression's arm the Foe
That looks with trembling hope to *thee*
To guard her from a Tyrant's blow.

Shall England then reject the pray'rs
The Patriot Spaniards' rights to save,
Shall *She* view Spain, through Treachery's snares,
Buried in Despotism's grave?

"No!" her Sons lead the glorious fight.--
Heav'n bless each act, direct each plan,
When those defending England's *right*
Defend the *dearest* rights of man.

Oft has the Spaniard, from his shore,
View'd Trafalgar's once fatal Bay,
Whose waves were dy'd with Spaniards' gore,
When NELSON fell--that glorious day!

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How did he view the British Fleet
Riding triumphant o'er his wave;
How will he view a British Fleet
"Return" the *rights* of Spain to save?

This shall appal Britannia's foes,
Unnerve the arm to vengeance prone,
Make *cowards* Tyranny oppose,
And hurl a despot from his throne.

Now shall the Swiss, on Uri's Rock,
Feel his brave patriot bosom swell,
learn to resist the TYRANT'S shock,
And emulate a WILLIAM TELL.

Prussia! awake thy lingering ire! --
Hast thou a wish above a slave?
Hast thou a spark of FREDERICK'S fire?
Thy fame retrieve, thy Country save!

Russia, weak dupe to Frenchmens arts--
Austria, who struggled long in vain,
Now prove your spirit, ere departs
“*The Crisis*” you can ne'er regain.

Valiant GUSTAVUS, Sweden's King,
Still *forward* press thy rights to guard,
Europe shall with thy praises ring,
While Liberty's the bright reward.

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See Britain Freedom's flag unfurl'd
She stands, the alas of your fate;
And hence shall an admiring world
Hail her secure and happy State.

Britain, with Wealth and Freedom bless'd,
Hears the waves of Ocean flow,
But shall declare, when Spain's oppress'd,
Britain forgets that Spain's a Foe

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