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Seize! Seize! CASTILIANS, seize the spear,
 With giant strength the falchion wield;
Aloft fair Freedom's banner rear,
 And be our bodies Freedom's shield.
 Rush to the fight! see they advance; --
 The savage sons of trait'rous France--
 See, where their blood-stained banners wave,
 Like mournful cypress, o'er their grave.

Hark! that deep groan, CASTILIANS, hear!
 'Tis o'er Madrid it mournful sweeps;
'Tis from each sad, untimely bier,
 O'er which some child, some parent weeps.
 Rush to the fight! what can withstand
 The efforts of a Patriot Band,
 Who nobly with each other vie,
 To live for freedom, or to die?

See, see, from far, from Albion's shores,
 Where brightly glows the Patriot flame;
See a whole host of Freemen pours,
 To share your dangers and your fame.
 They who made sable Afric free,
 Now stretch their willing arms to thee;
 For Freedom's and Iberia's good,
 To yield their treasures and their blood!

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CASTILIANS, think! by Heav'n's decree,
A dreadful vengeance, justly due,
In your great struggles to be free,
An injured world receives from you.
Rush on! and think that when you bleed,
A world's applauses are your meed;
That on your cause that world implores,
His blessing, whom that world adores!