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Strike the harp, raise the voice, sing brave WELLINGTON'S glory,
Recount the bright trophies he boldly has won;
Oh, long may his fame grace pure liberty's story,
And canopied laurels shade—Great WELLINGTON.

How oft in the battle for freedom so glorious,
Inspiring with ardor, appeared Valor's son;
How oft crown'd with conquest the Warrior victorious,
Was hail'd by all nations—the Great WELLINGTON.

Spain and Portugal's plains when by myriads surrounded,
When ambition its race most exultingly run;
He check'd the wild strides, while the *Despot*, astounded,
Crouched low to the Hero—the Great WELLINGTON!

Yes, Erin! thine Isle claims the valiant protector
Of liberty's blessings and liberty's throne;
The *Shamrock* and *Laurel* encircle thy victor,
Both verdantly twine round your Great WELLINGTON!

Then strike the bold Harp, oh green Isle of the Ocean,
Oh! welcome him Freedom, thy toils now are done;
Now hushed are the billows of war's rude commotion,
And Europe, rejoicing, hails—Great WELLINGTON.