

## *COLUMBIA, THE GEM OF THE OCEAN*

O, Columbia, the gem of the ocean,  
The home of the brave and the free,  
The shrine of each patriot's devotion  
A world offers homage to thee,  
Thy mandates make heroes assemble,  
When liberty's form stands in view;  
Thy banners make tyranny tremble  
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