

DUTY TO OUR FLAG

Less hate and greed
Is what we need
And more of service
true;
More men to love
The flag above
And keep it first in
view.

Less boast and brag
About the flag,
More faith in what it
means;
More heads erect,
More self-respect,
Less talk of war
machines.

The time to fight
To keep it bright
Is not along the way,
Nor' cross the foam,
But here at home

Within ourselves today.

'Tis we must love
That flag above
With all our might and
main;
For from our hands
Not distant lands
Shall come dishonor's
stain.

If that flag be
Dishonored, we
Have done it not the
foe;
If it shall fall,
We, first of all,
Shall have to strike the
blow

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