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THE MARCH OF THE WORKERS.

To the tune of "John Brown."

What is this, the sound and rumour? What is this that all men fear?
Like the wind in hollow valleys when the storm is drawing near,
Like the rolling on of ocean in the eventide of fear?
'Tis the people marching on,
Whither go they, and whence come they? What are these who command tell?

In what country are they dwelling 'twixt the gates of heaven and hell?
Are they mine or thine for money? Will they serve a master well?
Still the rumour's marching on.

Chorus.—Hark the rolling of the thunder!
Lo the sun! and lo, thereunder
Riseth wrath, and hope, and wonder,
And the host comes marching on.

For they come from grief and torment; on they come to end battle and mirth,
All the wide world is their dwelling, every corner of the earth.
Buy them, sell them for thy service! Try the height and try the worth.
For the days are marching on.

These are they who build thy houses, weave thy roads, and knit thy wheat;
Smooth the rugged, till the barren, turn the bitter into sweet;
What reward for them is meet?
Till the host comes marching on.

Chorus.—Hark the rolling, &c.

Many a hundred years, passed over, have they laboured deaf and blind;

Never tidings reached their sorrow, never hope their toll might find.
Now at last they're heard and heard it, and their cry comes down the wind,
And their feet are marching on.

O ye rich men, hear and tremble! for with words the sound is nigh:
"Once for you and death we laboured; changed henceforward is the smile.
We are men, and we shall battle for the world of men and life;

And our host is marching on."

Chorus.—Hark the rolling, &c.

"Is it war, then? Will ye perish as the dry wood in the fire? Is it peace? Then be ye of us, let your hope be our desire.
Come and live! for life awaketh, and the world shall never die.
And hope is marching on.

On we march then, we the workers, and the rumour rolls;
Is the blazoned sound of battle and deliverance drawing near?
For the hope of every creature is the banner that we bear.
And the world is marching on."

Chorus.—Hark the rolling, &c.

WILLIAM J. M.