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*To the Press*  
*11-28-44*

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With conquering limbs astride from land to land,  
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand  
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame  
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name  
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand  
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command  
The air-bridged harbor that twin-cities frame.

"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" Cries she,  
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me.  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

Eunwa Lazarus

Sou wet - place at base, statue (Liberty n h.) Harbor -