



- 2. A victim he prepared to fall; he came on purpose, for this hour. He knows the worst, he knows it all; awake, O sword, and use thy pow'r.
- 3. It never would have come to this if he had meant to ward the blow; then strike, his sovereign purpose is to pay the debt that others owe.
- 4. Thou didst not look, when called to smite, to meet a victim such as this. To others it was due by right, the guilt was theirs, the pang is his.
- 5. Awake, O sword, the word obey, and do thy work as thou art taught; the blow that thou wilt strike today is big with wonders passing thought.
- 6. 'Tis felt beneath, around, above, 'tis felt in time, and felt will be when earth and heaven shall remove; its limit is eternity.

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