THE GOOD FIGHT



- I came and saw, but did not conquer; the foes were fierce, their weapons strong: I came, I saw, but yet I did not conquer; for me the fight was sore and long.
- 3. They said the war was brief and easy; a word, a look, would crush the throng: to some it may have been a moment's conflict; to me it has been sore and long.
- 4. They said the threats were coward bluster; to brave men they could work no wrong: so some may boast of swift and easy battle; to me it has been sore and long.
- 5. And yet I know that I shall conquer, though sore and hard the fight may be; I know, I know I shall be more than victor, through him who won the fight for me.
- 6. I fight, not fearful of the issue, my victory is sure and near; yet not the less with hand and eye all watchful, grasp I my buckler and my spear.
- 7. For I must fight if I would conquer; 'tis not by flight that fields are won: and I must conquer, if I would inherit the victor's joy, and crown, and throne.

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