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# “REMEMBER THE ‘MAINE.’”

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For the occasion of the benefit performance given at the Academy of Music, Philadelphia,  
on Friday, March 11th, 1898, in aid of the survivors from the blowing up  
of the U. S. S. “Maine” in the harbor of Havana on  
February 15th, 1898.

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## ARGUMENT.

The loss of the U. S. S. "Maine" in the harbor of Havana on February 15th, 1898, is inseparably connected with the cause of "free Cuba."

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The cause of "free Cuba" is close to the heart of all Americans, because of the mis-management of the island by the Spanish Nation.

The Cuban people look to the United States for succor and by reason of the fact that they are endeavoring to help themselves, they would appear to merit the same.

The United States must be just, as well as merciful, and as a nation, she cannot be swayed by sentiment alone, either in the case of sympathy for a suffering sister nation, or in the matter of being aggrieved over an injury to herself.

The treatment, either in verse or otherwise, of such an occurrence as the loss of the U. S. S. "Maine", should be temperate yet firm, with an eye single to the fact, that the laws of humanity and the dictates of pure reason, would seem to rule, that Spain should not hold in subjection a nation which she cannot govern, that the sorrow of America in the matter of the "Maine" disaster, is but consequent upon the sorrow of Cuba, and that Spain is primarily responsible for both.

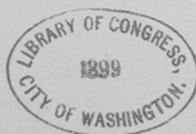
Therefore, these verses under the caption of "Remember the 'Maine'," take the shape, not so much of an invocation for revenge for real or fancied wrong, as of a plea for thought and action in the matter of bringing to an end a condition of things in the island of Cuba, which is a disgrace to civilized government at the close of this Nineteenth Century.

The remembrance of the "Maine" and her gallant crew, is a duty with Americans, and may be made productive of good to mankind. The men of the "Maine" as representing the free peoples of the world, died at the post of duty, which in their case happened to be within the gates of a supposedly friendly power, which power upon its side, represents in a governmental sense, the antithesis of all that abounds in the United States.

It is sought in the concluding two lines of the last stanza, to convey to the Spanish people an intimation, that the memory of the immediate past, is as sacred to the American people, as is to Spaniards, the memory of the remote past of their own great nation.

PHILADELPHIA, March 7th, 1898.

—Arthur H. MacOwen.



## Remember the "Maine."

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Lend your ear to the whisper, it floats from afar,  
It has traveled from where, underneath her lone star,  
The fair isle of Cuba impatiently waits  
The summons to enter our circle of states.  
From the depths of her anguish the throes of her pain,  
That whisper comes to us, "Remember the 'Maine'."

Lend your ear to the whisper, it comes as a song,  
Breathed softly from lips that are saddened by wrong,  
But which yet from their temple of misery send  
What to father, to mother, to child and to friend  
Is a message that falls like a shroud o'er our slain,  
And listen! the words are, "Remember the 'Maine'."

Lend your ear to the whisper, it tells of the brave,  
Who with sword yet in sheath, know not even a grave;  
Can we say had that sword but been wakened in time,  
That back from the shot-riven air and the grime  
Of the conflict, our sons might have reached us again,  
While their foemen would ever "Remember the 'Maine'."

Lend your ear to the whisper, nay more lend your hand,  
'Twill be needed, if men yet remain in this land,  
That so proudly lays claim to the title of free,  
And that now in its sorrow is summoned to be  
A saviour, if not an avenger; how plain  
Comes the message, O brothers "Remember the 'Maine'."

Lend your ear to the whisper, 'tis growing more strong,  
'Tis a whisper no longer, 'tis sweeping along  
Through the length and the breadth of this land of the free,  
From city to mountain, from mountain to sea,  
And the voice of America tells thee, O Spain,  
That the men of our country "Remember the 'Maine'."

—Arthur H. MacOwen.