

THE OLD "LIBERTY BELL"

A Poem Written Long Ago That Now Has Peculiar Appropriateness.

Through Lancaster on its way from Philadelphia to New Orleans, it is an occasion most exciting...

A sound like a sound of thunder rolled. And the heart of a nation was stirred.

Above the dark mountain, above the blue wave it leapt by the fastest of birds by the brave.

And its chiming gave a glorious summons to all. The war was slowly and truely started.

Along the dark mountain, above the blue wave, swept the ranks of the Bond—swept the ranks.

When a star-faring banner went up to the dome. Like the wings of some angel descended out from his home.

Over the hill top and like its magnificent folds, With a terrible and a glorious and a dark in the storm.

It blazed in the valley, it blazed on the mast. Like the wings of some angel descended out from his nest.

And the eyes of whole nations were turned to its light. And the heart of the multitude soon was swayed.

Heat, "Oh, where's freedom," "The People are Free!" That old bell is still seen by the patriot's eye.

Will it find in the night its wonderful form? Like a glory-breathed, lone from the mystic hour.

Long years shall roll over it, and yet every chime shall unceasingly tell of an era sublime.

Give it the flame of our altar should pale. Let its voice be heard, and the freedom shall prevail.

To revivify the fire, while he sees on the gate. All the stars and the stripes of the flag of his fate.

AN AUTHENTIC OPINION BY AN Eminent Organ

From the New York Sun. "In the midst of them" is good English.

"In their midst" is vicious and bad English. The one is an old, elegant and honored formula.

The word "midst" means middle, midst, in the middle of them. "In their midst" is a collection of individuals that the word "midst" is applied to all; and it is not a "midst" of as their possession.

They are separate individuals still, and as a body, they have no specific centre, no focus, no "midst" of which one can properly affirm that it is theirs.

Therefore we say "in the midst of them," and not "in their midst." The phrase means much the same thing as "among them."

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