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## The Iowa Home Note

Hark! the meadow-lark is singing  
From the weathered haycock's ledge,  
And the robin in the orchard  
Blithely carols forth his joy;  
While the turtle-dove is calling  
From the tangled osage hedge,  
And the cardinal is whistling  
Like a happy barefoot boy.

And the song that floats triumphant  
From the meadow and the lane  
Is the song of rustling cornfields  
Where the winds of midday sigh,  
'Tis the song of Iowa prairies —  
Gilded seas of waving grain  
When the round red sun is setting  
In a glowing opal sky.

'Tis the song of Iowa rivers  
With their sunlit wooded hills,  
And of roadsides decked with blossoms  
That would grace a hallowed shrine.  
'Tis the throbbing Iowa Home Note  
That reverberates and thrills  
In the farm and village echoes —  
Just as in your heart and mine.

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