TO THE AMERICAN ABOLITIONISTS.

BY JOHN BOWRING.

We pleaded in the negro's cause,
Fought for his liberties and laws,
While million voices sung applause,
   The many 'gainst the few:  
Yours is a harder task, to lead
Few against many; but the meed
Of nobler strife and bolder deed
   Shall honor you.

Our fathers and your fathers bore
The spirit-stirring strife of yore,
Our shores flung on your welcoming shore,
   The patriot-pilgrims' sail: —
And ye are worthy of the name,
And the bright ancestry ye claim;
The same the sires — the sons the same —
   Hail! brothers! hail!


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