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The glorious plan of liberation,
Opens now, a scene of joy
Roles spontaneous thro' the nation,
Which no treason can destroy;
Lift all voices,
All the world the theme employ.

Swell the peon, sing victorious,
Storms subsided, leave a peace;
Liberation, O! how glorious,
Start in numbers, not cease;
Send the shower down,
And the shower shall increase.

Lift on high ten thousand voices,
Blow the trump of Jubilee;
All the slavish land rejoices,
Sing triumphant all are free;
Sing delightful,
All who live this day to see.

Dart ye angels down from glory,
Let your anthems blend with ours;
Freedom is a joyful story,
Raise in songs selectial showers,
As in Eden,
Cluster in elysian bowers.