

## Our Hero Dead, Hail and Farewell!

THERE shall be apples in harvest still,
and springtime blossoms again,
Summer returning and green on the hill
with the early autumn rain;
But never America's fallen sons to the
things they used to know
While the sun goes round, or the river
runs, till Gabriel's trumpets blow.

Yet, maybe, an army's ghostly drum
beats up from the far-away,
Unseen, unheard, where a myriad come
to memory's call today
From alien graves o'er oceans wide to
their marching kith and kin,
Comrade by comrade they stand beside
when the bugle sounds "Fall-in."

Never at all, though April seeks where.

the early heath-flower starts,

Or the flowering almond of August

speaks to unforgetting hearts.

We read the message, we hear the call,

but they their conflicts cease;

They rest with God's stars over them

in the dreamless halls of Peace.

There shall be honey-gold harvest wheat
and glory that spring regains,
Summer in shimmering veils of heat,
and the misty mountain rains;
But never the sons America bred, to
the land that was their own,
Till earth gives up her glorious dead,
and Gabriel's trump be blown.