

Bells of the past, whose long-forgotten music Still fills the wide expanse, Tingeing the sober twilight of the present With color of romance.

Before me rise the dome-shaped mission towers, The white presidio; The swart commander in his leathern jerkin, The priest in stole of snow.

Your voices break and falter in the darkness— Break, falter, and are still; And veiled and mystic, like the Host descending, The sun sinks from the hill!

