



The
Cambrian Plume

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(1817-1885)

Henry Brinley Richards (1817-1885) was born in Carmarthen, Wales, son of the organist at St. Peter's Church, and originally planned for a career in medicine. He received the patronage of the Duke of Newcastle after winning a prize at the Gwent-Morgannwg Eisteddfod, enabling him to attend the Royal Academy of Music. He lived some time in Paris where he studied under Frédéric Chopin. He joined the faculty at the R.A.M., becoming a successful teacher and concert pianist. He died in Kensington, London. He published some works under the pseudonym 'Carl Luini'. His compositions include a symphony, overtures, concertos, works for military band, piano works, songs, and part songs.

All hail! to the plume that hath emblem'd the story
Of Cambria's endurance of old,
That white as the Snow on the peaks of Eryri,
Its purity claims to unfold!
An ensign unsullied o'er mountain and valley,
Triumphantly still may it soar,
In seasons of danger the valiant to rally,
Their trust when the danger is o'er.

Though telling of conquest in history's pages,
The plume we would honour and prize;
More surely a nation's affection engages,
When worn by the good and the wise.
Heaven grant, then, its wearer as onwards he presses,
May cherish the love he has won:
So, Wales shall rejoice in the Prince she possesses,
And England be proud of her son!

Henry Davies

Cambria = Wales, from Welsh *Cymru*

Eryri (Welsh) = Snowdonia, a mountainous region in northwestern Wales

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Animato

S All hail! to the plume that hath em - blem'd the sto - ry Of

A All hail! to the plume that hath em - blem'd the sto - ry Of

T All hail! to the plume that hath em - blem'd the sto - ry Of

B All hail! to the plume that hath em - blem'd the sto - ry Of

S ³ Cam - bria's en - dur - ance of old, That white as the Snow on the

A Cam - bria's en - dur - ance of old, That white as the Snow on the

T Cam - bria's en - dur - ance of old, That white as the Snow on the

B Cam - bria's en - dur - ance of old, That white as the Snow on the



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S peaks of E - ry - ri, Its pu - ri - ty claims to un - fold! An

A peaks of E - ry - ri, Its pu - ri - ty claims to un - fold! An

T peaks of E - ry - ri, Its pu - ri - ty claims to un - fold! An

B peaks of E - ry - ri, Its pu - ri - ty claims to un - fold! An

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S en - sign un - sul - lied o'er moun - tain and val - ley, Tri -

A en - sign un - sul - lied o'er moun - tain and val - ley, Tri -

T en - sign un - sul - lied o'er moun - tain and val - ley, Tri -

B en - sign un - sul - lied o'er moun - tain and val - ley, Tri -

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S umph - ant - ly still may it soar, In sea - sons of dan - ger the

A umph - ant - ly still may it soar, In sea - sons of dan - ger the

T umph - ant - ly still may it soar, In sea - sons of dan - ger the

B umph - ant - ly still may it soar, In sea - sons of dan - ger the

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S val - iant to ral - ly, Their trust when the dan - ger is

A val - iant to ral - ly, Their trust when the dan - ger is

T val - iant to ral - ly, Their trust when the dan - ger is

B val - iant to ral - ly, Their trust when the dan - ger is

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S o'er, Their trust when the dan - ger is o'er.

A o'er, Their trust when the dan - ger is o'er.

T o'er, Their trust when the dan - ger is o'er.

B o'er, Their trust when the dan - ger is o'er.

S Tho' tell - ing of con - quest in his - to - ry's pa - ges, The

A Tho' tell - ing of con - quest in his - to - ry's pa - ges, The

T Tho' tell - ing of con - quest in his - to - ry's pa - ges, The

B Tho' tell - ing of con - quest in his - to - ry's pa - ges, The

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S plume we would hon - our and prize; More sure - ly a na - tion's af -

A plume we would hon - our and prize; More sure - ly a na - tion's af -

T plume we would hon - our and prize; More sure - ly a na - tion's af -

B plume we would hon - our and prize; More sure - ly a na - tion's af -

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S fec - tion en - gag - es, When worn by the good and the wise. Heav'n

A fec - tion en - gag - es, When worn by the good and the wise. Heav'n

T fec - tion en - gag - es, When worn by the good and the wise. Heav'n

B fec - tion en - gag - es, When worn by the good and the wise. Heav'n

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S grant, then, its wear - er as on - wards he press - es, May

A grant, then, its wear - er as on - wards he press - es, May

T grant, then, its wear - er as on - wards he press - es, May

B grant, then, its wear - er as on - wards he press - es, May

The Cambrian Dime

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S cher - ish the love he has won: So, Wales shall re - joice in the

A cher - ish the love he has won: So, Wales shall re - joice in the

T cher - ish the love he has won: So, Wales shall re - joice in the

B cher - ish the love he has won: So, Wales shall re - joice in the

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S Prince she pos - sess - es, And Eng - land be proud of her

A Prince she pos - sess - es, And Eng - land be proud of her

T Prince she pos - sess - es, And Eng - land be proud of her

B Prince she pos - sess - es, And Eng - land be proud of her

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S son, And Eng - land be proud of her son!

A son, And Eng - land be proud of her son!

T son, And Eng - land be proud of her son!

B son, And Eng - land be proud of her son!

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