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# Hymn To Aristogeiton And Harmodius

I

Wreathed in myrtle, my sword I'll conceal  
Like those champions devoted and brave,  
When they plunged in the tyrant their steel,  
And to Athens deliverance gave.

II

Beloved heroes! your deathless souls roam  
In the joy-breathing isles of the blest;  
Where the mighty of old have their home  
Where Achilles and Diomed rest.

III

In fresh myrtle my blade I'll entwine,  
Like Harmodius, the gallant and good,  
When he made at the tutelal shrine  
A libation of Tyranny's blood.

IV

Ye deliverers of Athens from shame!  
Ye avengers of Liberty's wrongs!  
Endless ages shall cherish your  
fame,  
Embalmed in their echoing songs!

