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AN ODE FOR HENRY GEORGE DAY

To celebrate a growing faith
What symbol better than a tree?
It's nature molds it from within
To blossom forth in majesty.
No acorn can become an elm,
Nor human law its nature change.
But man and science can increase
The measure of an oak tree's range.
That man himself may better be,
Not cheated of his chance to grow,
His equal share of Nature's gifts
Each one must have, as Georgists know.
This is the universal law,
Which Henry George to life relates;
And thus this tree that bears his name,
His work for all commemorates.
As years go by, his remedy
For want and conflict round the earth,
Must win at last with full acclaim
Accorded to his day of birth.

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(This poem was read by the author at the ceremonies held on September 2nd, Henry George's anniversary, at the Henry George Tree in Central Park.)