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FROM A BOOK OF POEMS BY FRED A. BUSH

BRIGHTON (CONCLUSION)

NO FAIRER SPOT HAS NATURE EVER GIVEN  
TO BUILD A HOME AND DWELL NEAR HEAVEN;  
FOR HERE BOTH QUIET AND ORDER DO PREVAIL,  
FRIENDS NE'ER FORSAKE YOU, OR VILE FOES ASSAIL.  
WHILE CHURCHES STAND WHOSE SPIRES TO HEAVEN ASCEND,  
AND POINT THE SINNER TO THE LATTER END:  
THEIR MERRY BELLS FLOAT MUSIC ON THE AIR,  
AND CALL THE PEOPLE TO THE HOUSE OF PRAYER.

HERE, SCHOOLS THE VERY FINEST MAY BE FOUND,  
IN WHICH THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE DOTH ABOUND.  
WHILE MERRY CHILDREN, ROBED IN GARMENTS FAIR,  
ATTEND THE SCHOOLS, WITH HEARTS SO FREE FROM CARE.  
BETWEEN THE SETTING AND THE RISING SUN,  
ELECTRIC LIGHTS ARE VIEWED BY EVERY ONE:  
AND HOUSES AND STORES STRIVE WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT,  
TO LIGHT YOUR PATHS WITH HEAVEN'S ELECTRIC LIGHT.

A RAILROAD JOINS IN DOING WELL ITS PARTS  
TO MAKE OF BRIGHTON, QUITE A BUSINESS MART:  
WHILE WATER POWER, FROM MANY A DISTANT HILL,  
GRINDS UP THE GRAIN THE FARMERS BRING TO MILL.  
THE BUSINESS MEN ALL STRIVE WITH MIGHT AND MAIN  
TO USE YOU SO THAT YOU WILL CALL AGAIN:  
THEY DO THEIR BEST, IN DEALING WITH THEIR TRADE,  
TO PLACE OTHER COMPETITION IN THE SHADE.

FROM EAST AND WEST AND FROM THE NORTH AND SOUTH,  
THE VILLAGE NAME IS HEARD IN EVERY MOUTH:  
AND PEOPLE COME FROM VERY FAR AND NEAR  
TO SELL THEIR PRODUCE AND DO TRADING HERE.  
SO IF YOU WISH A PLACE TO CALL A HOME,  
TO SETTLE DOWN AND NEVER LONGER ROAM,  
TO DWELL IN VILLAGE, CITY OR IN TOWN,  
JUST PAUSE IN BRIGHTON, FRIEND, AND SETTLE DOWN.