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No word of pen or stroke of artist's hand No flowered phrase or oratory's boast Need tell the story of the world you've made.

'Tis writ upon the pages of the land From north to south—from coast to coast.

Those poles you mount—those lengthened strands you string Are not just sturdy uprights in the sky That march across the miles in proud parade.

You've made them into words that help and sing A doctor's call, good news, a lover's sigh.

Deep etched in time the record of your skill

The work you've done-your willingness to do The fires and storms you've tackled unafraid.

Your signature is carved on every hill Yours, too, the creed—"The message must go through."

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