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THE HONORED MOTHER
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PREFATORY NOTE.

NO doubt my readers will remember the touching incident of Inauguration Day, when, after his speech, which awoke a throb of sympathy and patriotism throughout the length and breadth of the land, the President turned to his venerable, white-haired mother, who sat immediately behind him on the platform, and, bending his head, kissed her tenderly as though in loving gratitude for the care and guardianship, which had finally brought him this crowning honor. His action, and the feelings it aroused, moved me to transcribe this little Poem as a tribute of the admiration we must all feel for a mother who realized the great responsibility devolving upon her, and who through manifold trials so nobly sustained her trust.

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 HE way was steep and rugged
And the hill-side hard to climb,
But at last the summit greets me
In the steady march of time.

Three score and ten have vanished
Along the track of years,
Some have been bright and happy,
And many filled with tears,