

## CATO OF UTICA.

(AN ADAPTATION FROM LATIN.)

*Ambassadors from Caesar address him.*

- Ambassadors :** "Noblest of Romans, we come to save  
The pride of Rome from a timeless grave ;  
Hear the greeting which Caesar sends—  
'Caesar counts Cato among his friends. "
- Cato :** "Bear back to Caesar Cato's reply—  
'Cato's friends are the friends of liberty.
- Am :** "Caesar offers thee power, high station and sway,  
Power that all, next to Caesar, shall obey. "
- Cato :** "No power of value to Cato can be,  
Save the power of keeping his country free. "
- Am :** "Caesar offers thee wealth—riches we'll bring,  
That shall rival the stores of the Lydian King. "
- Cato :** "Freedom is of a price too high  
For all the wealth of Croesus to buy. "
- Am :** "Caesar offers thee pleasure ; the West and the East  
Shall be traversed for beauty, thy view to feast. "
- Cato :** "No beauty can equal, in Cato's eye,  
The loveliness of liberty. "
- Am :** "A grander offer of favour we bring ;  
Some subject Kingdom shall call thee King. "
- Cato :** "In Cato's eyes, the freeman's grave  
Is grander far than the throne of a slave. "
- Am :** "Ask aught in the power of Caesar to give,  
There's naught he'll refuse if Cato will live. "
- Cato :** "Go, bear this answer to Caesar home—  
'The boon Cato asks is—the FREEDOM OF ROME. "

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