

420 New Britain Ave
Hartford, Conn
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My dear Miss Ruutz-Rees,

Thank you so much for your kind thought of the joy such an article from a leading paper of the country could bring to us. We know and yearn for just and equal chance for the men + women in this war— our past record indicates that we will give a strict account of our stewardship. Have you happened to have come across James Weldon Johnson's two verses called

“To America”

How would you have us, as we are?

Or sinking 'neath the load we bear?

Our eyes fixed forward on a star?

Or gazing empty at despair?

Rising or falling? Men or things?

With dragging pace or footsteps fleet?

Strong, willing sinews in your wings?

Or tightening chains about your feet?

Thanking you again Miss Ruutz-Rees for your interest—we so need council such as yours—now more than ever before.

Believe me

Very gratefully yours,

Mary Townsend Seymour