

OUR WAY

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Fend it in boys
And lull it
Like a child his toys
Rebuilding every broken bit.

Tend it in rhythm
Like a xylophonist his strokes
That hit bit by bit
Into fallen wood from brooks
And move eager crowds
To shake their heads
Clap their hands
Weave their steps
And take their share.

Fend it eagerly
Then poke it duly
Distilling the issuing flames
For it's your grace
Before your face
It's our gold
Within our fold.

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Not even the Grecian Mars can
Forge your gongs
Nor can the "lunar artisan"
Carve your old doors
Nor can the Beatles belittling
Or Händel handling
Sing your songs
Sound your drums
And dance your dance.

Mungo may meet the Thames
And both shake hands
And wed in the encircling
Depth of the Seas; But
Mungo rains fall not on the Thames.
Ours is our Culture.
Let's soothe Her wounds
And betroth Her indoors.

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