NAKED GENIUS:

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A WORK BEING NOW COMPILED AND REVISED BY CAPTAIN WILL, H. S. BANKS, 9TH MICHIGAN CAVALRY VOLUNTEERS, AND WHICH WILL BE READY FOR PUBLICATION ABOUT THE 1ST OF OCTOBER, 1865. THIS WORK WILL CONTAIN A CONCISE HISTORY OF THE LIFE OF THE AUTHOR, WRITTEN BY THE COMPILER, AND WILL BE OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC AS ONE OF THE MANY PROOFS THAT GOD, IN HIS INFINITE WISDOM AND MERCY, CREATED THE BLACK MAN FOR A HIGHER AND NOBLER PURPOSE THAN TO TOIL HIS LIFE AWAY UNDER THE GALLING YOKE OF SLAVERY.

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The glorious plan of liberation,

Opens now, a scene of joy

Roles spontaneous thro' the nation,

Which no treason can destroy;

Lift all voices,

All the world the theme employ.

Swell the peon, sing victorious,

Storms subsided, leave a peace;
Liberation, O! how glorious,

Start in numbers, not cease;

Send the shower down,

And the shower shall increase.

Lift on high ten thousand voices,

Blow the trump of Jubilee;

All the slavish land rejoices,

Sing triumphant all are free;

Sing delightful,

All who live this day to see.

Dart ye angels down from glory,

Let your anthems blend with ours;

Freedom is a joyful story,

Raise in songs selectial showers,

As in Eden,

Cluster in elysian bowers.