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WORDS OF THE PEOPLE, SOUL OF THE NATION

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Ι

In every word the tongue learned to say,

The soul of a nation finds its voice and way.

Not merely sound, but echoes of the past,

The language of the people built to last.

II

It is the thread that weaves through time and land,

A bridge where hearts and histories still stand.

From whispered tales to songs of long ago,

Our culture lives in every flow and glow.

III

In proverbs, chants, and ancient native rhymes,

The wisdom of the ages softly chimes.

Through stories told by elders wise and proud,

Our roots speak boldly, clear, and unavowed.

IV

Though winds of change may rush with modern pace,

Our language holds its dignity and grace.

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It grows, adapts, yet never casts aside,
The heritage in which our hopes abide.

V

In courts, in schools, in every thoughtful speech,

Its noble essence strives the soul to reach.

For in its lines, our dreams and truths reside,

A mirror where our nation does confide.

VΙ

No treasure greater can the heart embrace,

Than language shaped by time and native grace.

So let us guard, uplift, and speak it well—

Our culture's light, in every word, shall dwell.

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