Flight of the Earls



We speed with swelling sail; Yet still there lingers on our lee A phantom Innisfail. Oh fear not, fear not, gentle ghost, Your sons shall turn untrue; Though fain to fly your lovely coast, They leave their hearts with you.

As slowly into distance dim
Your shadow sinks and dies,
So o'er the ocean's utmost rim
Another realm shall rise.
New hills shall swell, new vales expand,
New rivers winding flow;
But could we for a foster land
Your mother love forego?