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THE COLORS

It isn't just colors and bunting—
The red and the blue and the white.
It's something heaps better and finer—
It's the *soul* of my country *in sight!*

There's a lot of ceremony 'bout the Flag,
 Though many half-baked patriots believe
Salutin' it and hangin' it correct
 "Is only loyalty upon the sleeve."
But we who work beneath the Flag to-day,
 Who'll honor it—and die for it, perhaps—
Get a slightly different view of the old red, white and blue
 Than is visioned by th' criticisin' chaps.

It isn't just for decoratin' things, It isn't just an emblem, clean and bright, No matter what its "hoist" or what its "fly,"