

Parliamentary Incendiary

We do not want Parliament set afire

By anything but *Passion* to do right.

What must blaze Commons and Senate are sheets

Of paper, that *Wisdom* and *Justice* light.

What happened in 1916—those sparks

That *Chance* or *Choice* set charring the public

House of parley (which gives the *Throne* the *Law*)—

Proved true, eternal flame is the power to speak.

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