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he leaned against a window, listening and observing.

Freida Rivera moved about in the patio, a beautiful woman, dressed in the colorful Indian clothes of Mexico.

It was all very vital and very real. Finally Mr. Trotsky finished speaking—he had talked for hours, yet seemed singularly fresh and vigorous. He begged to retire, and as he grasped our hands in parting, one dominating impression of the tiny man was paramount. Genial, kindly, and full of sympathy for the world's great suffering, this visionary lived for a cause, the world revolution of the workers, and for this cause there was no sacrifice too great. Steel, as hard as any ever made by man, is soft beside the invincible purpose of an almost fanatical conviction that the cause must and will live! This combination of human kindness and unswerving fervor is Leon Trotsky!

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By JOHN DILLON HUSBAND

The last hard sigh
And the final word
Are fragments of
A speech unheard.

They are a smoke
Sent up through trees;
A speaking sign
To one who sees.

They are a song
That strikes a cloud
And frees the music
From the shroud.