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"Sweeping through the gates of the New Jerusalem,
Washed in the blood of the Lamb."

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[Obit – Ida Josephine Fessenden – not dated, and newspaper unknown:]

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