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- 16.1 1944 *Air Force Poetry*, Edited by John Pudney
and Henry Treece, John Lane, The Bodley
Head, London, p 13.
- 16.2 1964 *A Moment in Time* (A 100), p (5)

In *A Moment in Time*(A 100), p (5)

In *A Moment in Time* line 4 reads 'Young-eyed', changed from 'Young-winged'
as printed in *Air Force Poetry*.

GIVE THEM THEIR LIFE ...

Give them their life:

*They do not know how short it grows;
So let them go
Young-winged, steel-fledged, gun-furious,
For if they live they'll live,
As well you know,
Upon the bitter kernels of their sweet ideals.*

Give them their wings:

*They cannot fly too high or far
To fly above
The dirty-moted, bomb-soured, word-tired world.
And if they die they'll die,
As you should know,
More swiftly, cleanly, star-defined, than you will ever feel.*