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I HEARD the news of armistice  
At Barracks Soixante-six,  
Headquarters of the S. O. S.,  
Tours, Indre-et-Loire. Yes,  
I was an American girl  
In France.

I saw  
A khaki snake-dance,  
A merry-go-round French dance,  
Torches glowing,  
Champagne flowing,  
Flags flying,  
Old women crying,  
Little children laughing,  
And kissing, kissing!  
And joy in sorrow—la belle France.

I heard  
“Fini la guerre!”  
“Hail, hail, the gang’s all here!”  
“Madelon! Madelon! Madelon!”  
“Marchons, marchons!”  
French voices singing,  
Cathedral bells ringing,  
And martial music flinging  
The triumph cry of France,

I saw! I heard! I was there!  
I did not doubt  
The “fini” of “la guerre.”

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