The Road To Colossus: A Celebration Of American Ingenuity

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The New Colossus. By Emma Lazarus. Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame, With conquering limbs astride from land to land; Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand. A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame. Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name. Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand. Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command. More About This Poem. The New Colossus. By Emma Lazarus. About this Poet. Emma Lazarus was born in New York City to a wealthy family and educated by private tutors. She began writing and translating poetry as a teenager and was publishing translations of German poems by the 1860s. Her father privately printed her first work in 1866 Read Full Biography.