

## Pasquaney *archives*

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The world of your fathers', is becoming yours. Are you ready for it? The seats of the senate house are already empty, waiting on your election, which, is not far off. Who among you will take up the mantel of politics? The great industries and offices of this nation will soon be vacant– who among you will fill and run them? The science labs and observatories in time will lie dormant – who of you will continue that pursuit?

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There are children yet unborn who are without a teacher – which of you will raise their minds? The hungry and the sick of body and soul will always be for you – who here will give them medicine? The art, which is the very mirror of our lives, for you is not yet painted, written, sung or sculpted – who here will channel that vision? Mr. Ned, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Charlie, Mr. Gem John, Mr. Vinnie, Mr. ??

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Time brings change and responsibility. Generations rise and fall – and now you are on the rise. Think of the men who came before you in this life? Thousands before you have lived and died – out from time immemorial – beyond remembrance – to bring you here, now, today.

You, rising like the crest of a wave, growing green like a spring leaf.

Each of you has a history and lineage as I do. Each of you is coming into the full force of your power and influence as a man, as I am. The world and its challenges are ours to face, and to lead. You'll find that leadership isn't something you have to compete for, isn't something you have to fight for, you just have to want it and decide to do it.

Each of us has a choice of how we are going to deal with the responsibilities and the hardships life is going to give us. There are more than enough drugs available that we can seek temporary shelter in, attempting to avoid the realities of the world around us.

We need courage, because our time is close at hand. I hope each of you is able to find that courage within yourself, and live with it for our future. I hope each of you will teach it to your sons and daughters, for theirs.