signing the constitution, Dr. Franklin looking toward the president's chair at the back of which a rising sun happened to be carved, and the design was not too clear and not too easy to establish whether it was the intention of the artist to present a rising or a setting sun, Dr. Franklin said to those members near him, "I have often and often in the course of this session, and the vicissitudes of my hopes and fears as to its issue, looked at that painting behind the president, without being able to tell whether it was a rising or setting sun; but now at length I have the happiness to know that it is a rising and not a setting sun."

My fervent wish and hope is that we will always see to it that it is a rising and not a setting sun. That this nation is not in the sundown period of its experiece, but that it is five o'clock in the morning for the United States of America.

Life's Miracle By Paula Bishop

The great miracle Of life Is renewal.

There is death, But there is birth, too. There is winter, But always after it—' Spring!

There is disappointment, But also hope! We don't understand it. We just accept it. Copyright of Annals of Iowa is the property of State of Iowa, by & through the State Historical Society of Iowa and its content may not be copied or emailed to multiple sites or posted to a listsery without the copyright holder's express written permission. However, users may print, download, or email articles for individual use.