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for my mother,
Renée Denise Ponchin Barnes
and
for my father,
Lewis Barnes (who once was poor)

With love, their sons

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Preface

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