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"When I walk by myself alone
It doth me good my songs to render."
OLD PLAY.

BOSTON
TICKNOR AND FIELDS
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TO GEORGE H. BOKER.



*Not mine the tragic poet's art,
His empire of the human heart:
That world is shut from me,
But you possess the key.*

*I see you in your wide domain,
Surrounded by a stately train,
That lived, and died of yore:
But now they die no more!*

*The Moor Calaynos: Anne Bolcyn:
The Guzman and the cruel queen;
And that unhappy Pair
That float in Hell's murky air!*

*Anon your bitter Fool appears,
Masking in mirth his cynic sneers;
We hear his bells, and smile,
But long to weep the while.*

*A narrower range to me belongs,
A little land of summer songs,
A realm of thought apart
From all that wrings the heart.*

*To win you to my small estate,
Old friend, I greet you at the gate,
And from its fairest bower
Bring you this simple flower.*



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