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UNIVERSITY PRIZE POEM.

"CAPTAIN COOK MEDITATING ON AUSTRALIA'S
FUTURE."

*(Delivered at the opening of the Great Hall of the University,
Sydney.)*



THE stillness and the hush of evening lay
O'er sleeping nature ; and the quiet bay,
Calmly reposing, as in tranquil sleep,
Stirred not, save as the swelling from the
deep

Came stealing o'er it, just as gentle breath
Lifts the soft bosom that in seeming death,
By passions all untortured, quiet lies,
Untorn by anguish, undisturbed by sighs ;
So slept the waters, o'er whose face a beam
Of softest light, e'en as a living stream
Of purest silver, lay ; and from her throne
Amid the floating clouds, in beauty shone
The quiet moon—a mild and holy calm