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CHLORA.

[1843.]



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FAR distant from all other isle.

Beneath the sun's eternal smile.

Surrounded by a placid sea

As green as emerald, and free

From raging storm and blust'ring gale

(That rend to shreds the spreading sail).

Which never yet the stranger's prow

Had cleft from Nature's dawn till now,

The lovely island Chlora stood.

On her fair shore unhallowed feud

Had ne'er unsheathed contention's sword,

Nor stained with blood the tender sward;

Nor ever war's destructive rage,

In any time or any age,