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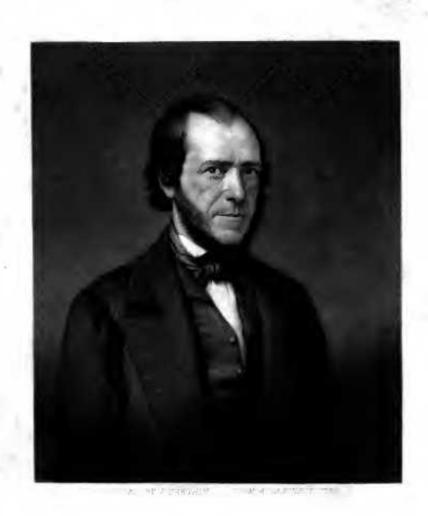
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Oh there are tones from broken hearts, That none but broken hearts can feel; When memory to the mind imparts, What death alone can heal.

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TO THE READER.

In presenting to you these poems, I have had three ends in view; firstly, to better somewhat my condition in life; secondly, to gratify my own feelings; and thirdly, to comply with the wishes and urgent solicitations of acquaintances and friends.

I am not unaware of the many imperfections that must necessarily be attached to the writings of men of my class; daily dependent upon the immediate resources of my own labour for subsistance, with feelings delicately sensitive, and habits, not always under the strict control of consistency; few can appreciate how deeply I have at times suffered in mind, while begging my brothers of the earth to give me leave to toil. I cannot hope by these remarks to court favor or avert criticism, they may, however, at least tend to

soften the latter. The lines must speak for themselves; and an enlightened, and I hope indulgent public, be the judges; if they be well received, I shall indeed be gratified; if condemned, I will rest content with the solace they have afforded my own heart, in its dark, dreary, and lonesomest hours.

W. F. MARVIN.

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