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PHIL. Shepherd, whence came these thoughts?
They're not of sylvan tone;
Thy woodland scenes and simple flocks
Ne'er taught these things.

SHEP. A waking pillow brought these thoughts;
Sorrow stepped in 'tween me and sleep,
And when the restless spirit turned within
It met these reveries.

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THE
FOLLOWING LITTLE WORK IS DEDICATED
TO
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS
THE DUCHESS OF KENT,
BY HER ROYAL HIGHNESS'S GRACIOUS PERMISSION,
BY
THE AUTHOR.

Canst thou behold these hills and not believe in heaven,
Or hast thou a power or energy that was not given?
Canst thou define thine origin, or why thou'rt here,
Whither thou goest, and what worlds to share ;
Canst thou explain why heaven such life should give
If in no world but this the soul must live ?
Say not 'tis mystery—heaven's works are plain ;
Warp not the truth—believe, or else explain.
Call not the earth thy father, and then say
That man's existence is a little day,
That rises with the grass, and with the grass must fall ;
For if this mortal pilgrimage were all,
What means the vast machinery around
If with immortal purpose 'tis not crowned ?
Suffer the voice within thee to be heard,
A gracious message on thy dust conferred ;
That soothes the doubts where human wisdom shrinks
And answers mysteries where fainting nature sinks.

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SHORT DISCOURSE,

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INTRODUCTORY.

SOME time ago, I believe a work like the following was published, giving evidence from reason in support of the revealed religion of Christ. The work never fell in my way, nor have I met with any account of it. Most of these pages have been written some years ; yet, though it is probable that in viewing the same subject, some of the same ideas may have presented themselves, yet it is not to be supposed that the whole may ; and as I conceive whatever can be offered to elucidate this topic, or strengthen the elucidations of others, as invaluable to the everlasting interests of mankind, I will not be deterred by any considerations of my own greater or less authorship, from offering this discussion to the eye of the public.