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*TO THE MEMORY*  
*OF*  
*ELIZABETH ACTON*

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*When in your arms your mother you entwine,  
Parading all your paradise in view,  
As with a spear you pierce me through and through,  
Reminding me of her who once was mine  
And like your watchful angel would incline  
In silent admiration. Mine were, loo,  
Those silver locks and eyes of tender blue,  
That fragile form and countenance divine.  
This is the one immedicable scar  
That will not heal, nor even healing crave,  
Which neither time nor balm of fortune rare  
Can cicatrise—yet I though pierced forgave,  
Seeing in yours, reflexion of the star  
That gilds for me my mother's silent grave!*

