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Amid the gloom  
Fenced by a brotherhood of holy slaves,  
Appointed a roofless Hut.

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DESERTED COTTAGE.

BY  
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## PREFACE.

"I HAVE often wished," was the observation of Mr. Coleridge, "that the first two books of the Excursion had been published separately, under the name of 'The Deserted Cottage.' They would have formed, what indeed they are, one of the most beautiful poems in the language." The wish of Coleridge is now fulfilled, and the Poem is before the Reader, who will find in it some of the most thoughtful and musical strains of the Author.





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