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I write no human name this book inscribe,  
But, in my secret soul, I dedicate  
Aught that of earthly praise its course may wait  
To one—who scorn'd of ease th' inglorious bribe  
And would, methinks, have scorn'd all scorn and gibe  
To seek me in a crisis of my fate:—  
One, who of Faithfulness did emulate  
The choicest deeds. Unlike the specious tribe  
Who seek us in our sorrow but to feed  
Some low self-end—who quench returning joy  
With jealous fear—and, when the rude decoy  
Laughs out betray'd, desert us at our need.  
To such, Forgiveness—but, sweet friend, to thee  
A gentle homage render'd silently!

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