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A FRAGMENTARY POEM.

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LONDON

SAUNDERS AND OTLEY, CONDUIT STREET.

1847.

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TO  
SAMUEL ROGERS, ESQ.

THESE VERSES

Are Enscribed,

AS A TOKEN OF ADMIRATION AND ESTEEM,

BY THE AUTHOR.

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## Part the first.

### I.

THE Poet sat beside his lonely hearth,  
No voice to cheer him, and no sound of mirth;  
How desolate he felt! the twilight gloom  
Stole o'er his heart, like shadows o'er the tomb.  
His days of youth and young romance were o'er;  
For him the heart's gay hopes could bloom no more;  
He had no home, no children, mistress, friend,  
None with whom kindred tenderness could blend;  
His heart grown old ere yet his youth was run,  
A dreary waste, ungladdened by a sun.

How desolate he felt! Could nought control  
That thirst for love—that craving of the soul?  
Not his those gifts of gaiety and ease,  
Which win each heart, in every circle please;  
Sadly he listened to the clattering sound  
Of the gay chariot dashing o'er the ground;  
Bearing along the happy and the free,  
To scenes of mirth where he might never be;  
Where Beauty's youngest daughters, gliding there,  
Heaved their white breasts, and waved their raven hair.  
How desolate he felt! He turned in vain  
To joys and hopes that ne'er could spring again;  
His early home, his boyhood's happy scene,  
To what he was, and what he might have been;  
No passion conquered, no desire denied,  
Time misemployed, and talents misapplied;  
For little had he learned the art to live,  
Seeking from life for more than life could give;  
Wasting, alas! when Youth was on its wing,  
The summer of his days while yet 'twas spring;