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TOKEN OF AFFECTION AND ADMIRATION

TO THE MEMORY OF

DENIS FLORENCE MACCARTHY.

TO THEE, O BARD, I DEDICATE THESE LAYS,
WEAK AND UNWORTHY THOUGH THE TRIBUTE BE,
I OFFER IT IN MEMORY OF THEE
WHO FIRST MY BOYHOOD'S FANCY SET'ST ABLAZE
WITH PURE IDEAS NONE BUT THOU COULDST RAISE—
WHO STIRRED'ST MY SOUL TO PREGNANT PEGSY;
THOUGH WEAK MY FAULTY NUMBERS, YET FROM THEE,
THOU MASTER BARD, FOUND THEY THEIR MEED OF PRAISE.
A PREACHER THOU OF PURE, UNSELFISH LOVE,
A NOBLE HATER OF ALL FRAUD AND WECNG,
WHAT JOY WITH THEE TO FLEE LIFE'S CARES ABOVE,
BORNE ON THE BREEZY PINIONS OF THY SONG!
AND HUMBLY I, FOR SONG-WREATHS *thou* DIDST TWINE,
PRESENT THESE SWIFT-DECAYING FLOWERS OF MINE.

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EPICEDIUM

TO THE MEMORY OF DENIS FLORENCE
MACCARTHY.

"One of the sweetest singers and one of the purest and holiest beings that ever adorned our country."—*Lord O'Hagan.*

IN world of gloom, in rayless, misty regions
My struggling spirit dwelt,
And spectral Doubts in heart-benumbing legions
Round Hope's last embers knelt.

And there within that land of songless sorrow
Ne'er pierced life-giving sun,
But each succeeding dreary waste of morrow
The monotone begun.

And oft, like captive yearning in his prison,
Whose free-winged *thoughts* may stray,
I pictured skies where radiant suns had risen
And birds sang sweet in May.