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"O mente! che scrivesti ciò ch'io vidi  
Que si parra la tua nobiltate."

DANTE.

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### SKETCH I.

#### THE COMING OF THE STORM.

“ Oh ! I have suffered  
With those that I saw suffer ; a brave vessel,  
That had, no doubt, some noble creatures in her,  
Dashed all to pieces ! Oh ! the cry did knock  
Against my very heart. Poor souls, they perished ! ”

SHAKESPEARE.

POET OF AVON ! never pen like thine  
Could execute a picture in a line !  
*Here* is the test of genius—we behold  
The stone whose touch at once transmutes to gold,  
The life-elixir, long insanely sought,  
Found in the immortality of thought !

All with the Reader rests to make or mar—  
The dull and mantled pool reflects no star ;  
While the rapt tarn, that slumbered through the day,  
Flashes and trembles, giving ray for ray :  
Mark the analogy of eye and mind—  
A rainbow hath no beauty for the blind !