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I CANNOT bring the antique gracefulness
Of the acanthus leaf, to crown thy tomb,
Nor even a wreath of golden immortelles ;
Mine are but simple blossoms, kin to weeds ;
Yet, as the robins brought their offering
Of withered leaves, to strew upon the dead,
So do I lay this garland gently down
In perfect faith before thee,—it is thine.
Like the small rill beneath the eyes of night,
It does but mirror back those stary orbs
That gaze upon it with such loving eyes.

Ah, mine own Father, not too soon for thee
The rest and quiet of that early grave,—
I dare not wish thee back !

MAY, 1857.

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