

**POEMS OF  
RELIGION  
AND SOCIETY**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649501861

Poems of Religion and Society by John Quincy Adams & John Davis & T. H. Benton

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.  
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

[www.triestepublishing.com](http://www.triestepublishing.com)

**JOHN QUINCY ADAMS & JOHN DAVIS & T. H. BENTON**

**POEMS OF  
RELIGION  
AND SOCIETY**



571  
P O E M S  
OF  
RELIGION AND SOCIETY

BY

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS,  
SIXTH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, &C., &C.

WITH

Notices of his Life and Character,

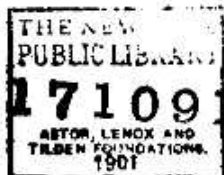
BY

JOHN DAVIS AND T. H. BENTON.

---

AUBURN:  
DERBY AND MILLER.

1855.



---

Entered according to Act of Congress, in the year 1885, by  
WILLIAM H. GRAHAM,  
in the Clerk's Office of the District Court for the Southern District  
of New York.

---

---

Stereotyped by BARNES & PALMER,  
11 Spruce Street.

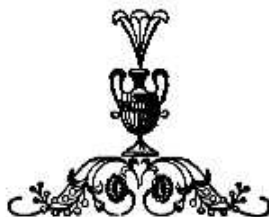
## CONTENTS.

	Page.
The Life of Mr. Adams, by the Hon. John Davis, . . .	7
The Character of Mr. Adams, by the Hon. T. H. Benton, . . .	12

### POEMS.

The Wants of Man, . . . . .	15
The Plague in the Forest, . . . . .	24
To a Bereaved Mother, . . . . .	29
Charles the Fifth's Clocks, . . . . .	32
Retrospection, . . . . .	36
To the Sun-dial, under the Window of the Hall of the House of Representatives of the United States, . . . . .	38
The Thirtieth Satire of Juvenal, . . . . .	39
Version of the One Hundred Seventh Psalm, . . . . .	52
The Hour-glass, . . . . .	54
Sabbath Morning, . . . . .	56
The Death of Children, . . . . .	58
Written in Sickness, . . . . .	60
Hymn for the Twenty-second of December, . . . . .	62
O God, with goodness all thy own, . . . . .	64
Sing to Jehovah a new song, . . . . .	65
O, all ye people, clap your hands, . . . . .	67

Turn to the stars of heaven thine eyes, . . . . .	69
O Lord my God! how great art thou! . . . . .	71
O Lord, thy all-discerning eyes, . . . . .	73
My soul, before thy Maker kneel, . . . . .	75
For Thee in Zion waiteth praise, . . . . .	77
My Shepherd is the Lord on High, . . . . .	79
Send forth, O God, thy truth and light, . . . . .	81
O judge me, Lord, for thou art just, . . . . .	82
O heal me, Lord, for I am weak, . . . . .	83
Blest is the mortal whose delight, . . . . .	85
Why should I fear in evil days, . . . . .	87
Come, let us sing unto the Lord, . . . . .	89
Sing to the Lord a song of praise, . . . . .	90
Lord of all Worlds, . . . . .	92
Justice—an Ode, . . . . .	94
To Sally, . . . . .	100
To E—— B——, . . . . .	103
To a Lady, who Presented him with a Pair of Knit Gloves, . . . . .	105
The Lip and the Heart, . . . . .	107
Written in an Album, . . . . .	108





## PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

---

It is known to all the friends of the late ex-President Adams, that it was his custom from early manhood to devote his leisure moments to literature; and the fruits of his literary studies, when collected in an appropriate form, will show that he is entitled to high consideration among our authors. Among his poems are a translation \* of Wisland's "Oberon" that has never been published. His "Dermot McMorrough" failed of a just appreciation, on account of his political relations. Many of his minor pieces have wit, humor, grace, and tenderness, and they are all informed with wisdom and various learning. Some of his "hymns" are among the finest devotional lyrics in our language.

This collection of Mr. Adams' shorter poems is, of course, incomplete, having been made from the periodicals and miscellanies in which they were originally printed; but the editor has made it as perfect as his opportunities allowed, and he is confident that, in the absence of any other volume of the same kind, he has done an acceptable service to the reading public.

New York, Sept., 1848.

\* See Griswold's "Prose writers of America," Article J. Q. Adams

20

•

21

22

•

23

24

25

26

27

SKETCH  
OF THE  
LIFE OF MR. ADAMS.

BY THE HON. JOHN DAVIS.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS was born in the then Province of Massachusetts, while she was girding herself for the great Revolutionary struggle which was then before her. His parentage is too well known to need even an allusion; yet I may be pardoned if I say, that his father seemed born to aid in the establishment of our free government, and his mother was a suitable companion and co-laborer of such a patriot. The cradle hymns of the child were the songs of liberty. The power and competence of man for self-government were the topics which he most frequently heard discussed by the wise men of the day, and the inspiration thus caught, gave form and pressure to his after life. Thus early imbued with the love of free institutions, educated by his father for the service of his country, and early led by Washington to its altar, he has stood before the world as one of its eminent statesmen. He has occupied, in turn, almost every place of honor which the country could give him, and for more than half a century has been thus identified with its history. Under any circumstances, I should feel myself unequal to the task of rendering justice to his memory: but, with the debilitating effect of bad health still upon me, I can only with extreme brevity touch upon some of the most prominent features of his life.

While yet a young man, he was, in May, 1794, appointed Minister Resident to the States General of the United Nether-