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PREFACE.

The Translator ventures to hope that some of these Poems may be regarded with indulgence by lovers of German literature.

She has in every instance endeavoured to adhere as closely as possible to the original; and it has been her object to give as literal a version as was consistent with any degree of harmony and rhythm.

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STURM.

When, in gloomy days of care,
Doth thy weary heart despair,
And thou seest no comfort nigh,
In thy chamber refuge take,
And thy lamentations make
To thy God, thy Lord on high.

Let the burning tear-drops flow,

And unfold thy bitter woe

In a simple, childlike prayer.

Open is the Father's ear;

He His suffering child will hear;

Cast on Him in faith thy care.

If for thee is meet relief,

He will take away thy grief,

While thou sleepest, be thou sure;

If thy suffering may not end,

He His Comforter will send,

Who will teach thee to endure.