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Are the swords that beat against our breasts:
Courageous he who dares the unending strife.

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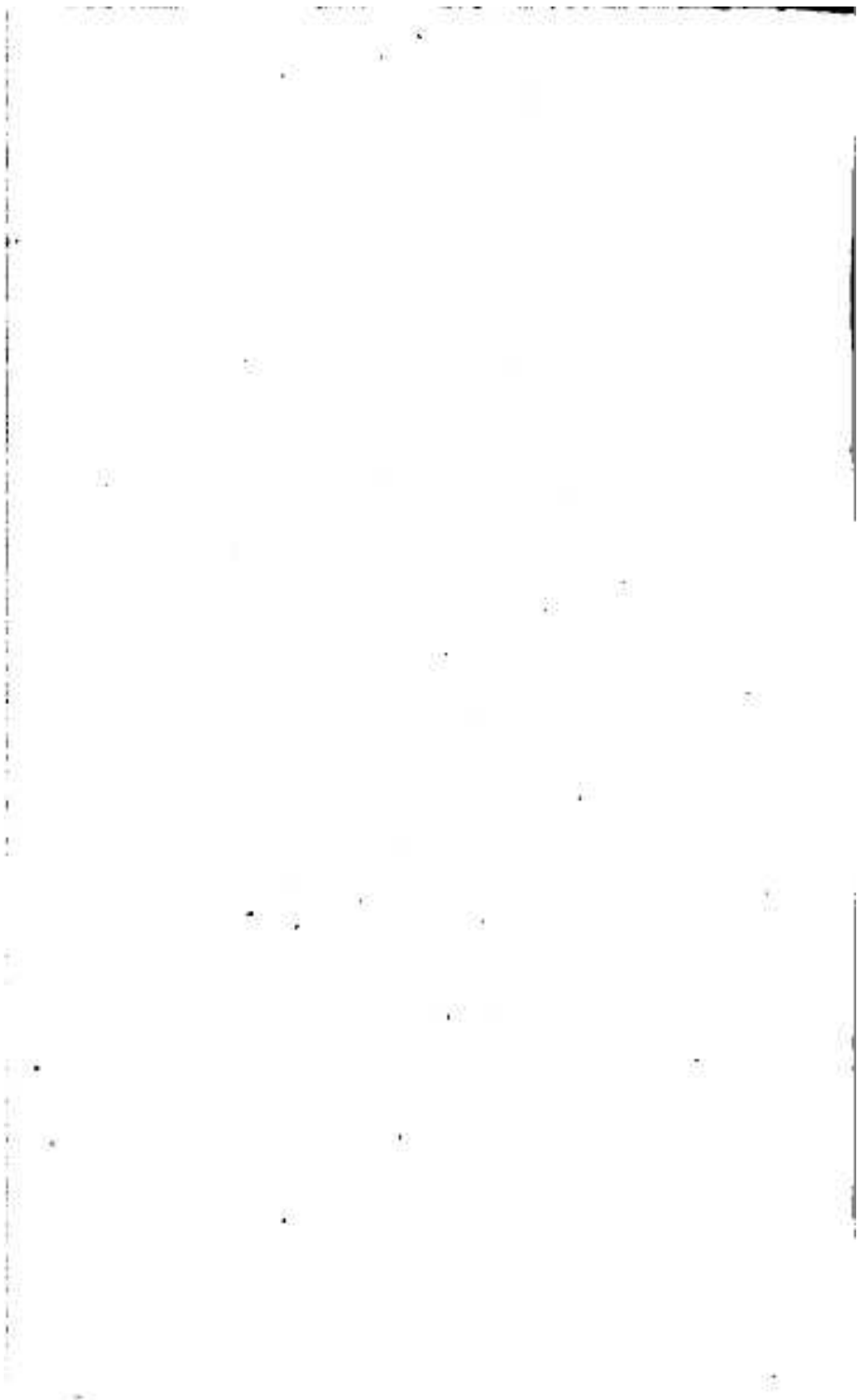
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POEMS.



KEEP COOL.

Is a lion in the way?

Keep cool:

Tell him you respect his pride,

But, that you may go ahead,

He must please to stand aside.

Keep cool.

Does he rouse and show his teeth?

Keep cool;

Tell him you enjoy the laugh:

Give a single lightning glance,

And he'll dwindle to a calf.

Keep cool.

Are your matters all awry?

Keep cool,

While you ponder well the reason;

If you are but right yourself,

Things will come right in their season.

Keep cool.

Though your case be desperate,

Keep cool ;

Desperate evils may be cured —

They will not withstand a MAW !

What have true men not endured ?

Keep cool.

Are you hampered by the blues ?

Keep cool :

When you find your conscience clean,

With your hands and brains at work,

Not a devil will be seen.

Keep cool.

Has a Shylock left you thin ?

Keep cool ;

He 's the loser — don't despair :

Now that your eye-teeth are through,

Keep your temper ; grin and bear.

Keep cool.

Does a villain slander you ?

Keep cool ;

He can never hit his mark :

Since his nature is so mean,

Let the snarling puppy bark.

Keep cool.

Should the Prince of Serpents hiss,

Keep cool ;

Show him Truth's old honest whip :

When he sees you bold and firm,

You will find that off he'll slip.

Keep cool.

Can't you find your quondam friends ?

Keep cool ;

You have only lost your cash :

They will all come dancing back,

When they see the dollars flash.

Keep cool.

Though your virtues meet neglect,

Keep cool :

Best assured that, if alive,

They will never sue for praise ;

On their own wealth they will thrive.

Keep cool.

Has misfortune got your friend ?

Keep cool ;

He's a scoundrel, bear in mind !

Give him but a slim relief,

Lest his vices you unbind.

Keep cool.